

AN INTRODUCTION TO A NEW CONCEPT:  
THE DYNAMIC STABILITY  
OF  
DISKS FREELY DESCENDING IN A FLUID MEDIA

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## INTRODUCTION

### A Definition of Dynamic Stability

In the beginning of time on this earth instability in motion was observable when the first leaf fell from the first plant. As the leaf descended toward the earth it either fluttered, oscillated, revolved, spiraled, or combined all or part of these motions in its erratic descent. This erratic behavior was indicative of the non-uniform velocity of the leaf along a vertical to the earth. Therefore it was exhibiting unstable motion, or dynamic instability.

If the first man had been able to measure the height of the leaf at equal increments of time, dynamic stability might have been acknowledged millions of years ago. Initially the first man might have noticed that the measured heights of the leaf did not decrease the same amount over each equal increment of time. This indicated non-uniform velocity in the vertical direction. The first man might then have compared these measured heights with the comparable heights of a leaf imagined as descending toward the earth with uniform velocity in the vertical direction. From comparing each actual height with each imagined height for the same time of descent he would have found a difference. By then calculating the mean of the summation of these absolute differences he might have called the resultant value dynamic instability. However, he didn't. Dynamic instability had always existed, but it was necessary for man to measure it to verify its existence.

Simply, dynamic instability was the mean deviation of the actual path of the leaf from some imaginary path, described in this study by a least squares line through the actual path. For this imaginary path

no assumptions were made as to the uniformity of the leaf's velocity vectors horizontal to the earth's surface. It was possible for the leaf to follow a curvilinear path in its actual descent and exhibit no dynamic instability as long as it descended equal increments of vertical distance in equal increments of universal time.

The difference, or deviation, of the actual path from an imaginary path had units of length. Therefore, dynamic instability had units of length. As the phraseology might indicate, dynamic stability was defined as the reciprocal, or opposite, of dynamic instability. Therefore, its units were reciprocal length. In order to adequately describe the meaning of dynamic stability it was necessary to define it in mathematical terms; this was presented in the Mathematical Definition of Dynamic Stability.

Many investigators, including Wadell (8), Pettyjohn (6), Squires (7), Wetherall (9), and Becker (1), had observed this behavior in most describable sizes and shapes of particles, but carried the investigation little further than recording these observations and, in some cases, comparing them with conventional concepts of particle behavior in fluids. No attempt had been made to numerically evaluate or to define the instability of movement of particles in fluids.

Disks which exhibit infinite stability are illustrated in PLATE I. They were defined as a stationary disk, floating on the surface of a fluid, with no velocity vector and as a moving disk, descending or ascending in the fluid, with velocity but no acceleration. Conversely, infinite instability was postulated as the motion of a disk which exhibited constant acceleration through infinite time. A disk accelerating and decelerating through finite time had a finite value of dynamic stability

and instability. It was these latter descents of free-falling disks with which this study was concerned.

Even as the best measurement is no better than an approximation of the true value, so no motion is absolutely dynamically stable. Due to limitations on man's ability to measure minute differences, it is possible to measure and subsequently calculate a descent as dynamically stable, although theoretically a dynamically stable descent is unobtainable. As man's abilities to measure improve that which was previously classified as dynamically stable may no longer be so classified.

#### Objectives of Study

The original objectives of this study were:

- 1) To continue work initiated by Professor R. C. Hall\* and to refine the mathematical definition of the concept of free-falling particle behavior in an infinite expanse of fluid.
- 2) To calculate numerical values of stability from actual descents of disks of varying properties.

Later objectives were:

- 3) To observe and define the types of motion of free-falling disks in a fluid media.
- 4) To correlate these values of dynamic stability with the types of motion observed.

Objectives 3) and 4) were planned after an initial study of the types of motions of disks had shown that some of the disks consistently fell in the same manner.

\*Private communications

## Review of Literature

A literature search revealed that dynamic stability had aroused the curiosity of many investigators, but that this effort was apparently the first actually measuring it. The literature search included the following material:

1. Chemical Abstracts dating back to 1930.
2. Physics Abstracts back to 1950.
3. All theses and abstracts of theses located in the Kansas State University Library.
4. Numerous more recent publications not yet abstracted.

No experimentation resembling dynamic stability studies was uncovered. However, several articles discussing the appearance of motion in particles descending through a fluid media were available.

From an article by Wadell (8), the following was quoted:

Franz Schulze stated that the translation velocity of a flat stone in air or water depends upon its position in respect to the direction of translation. Jordan noted that mineral particles readily took a position with their broad side at right angles to the direction of fall. Schmiedel found that thin disks at very low  $Re$  showed no tendency to take any particular settling position while at higher  $Re$  the disks tended toward a horizontal position regardless of the position at the start. At still higher  $Re$ 's periodic oscillations set in and the settling took place in a zig-zag path.

On the study of spheres, octahedrons, cubes, and tetrahedrons Pettyjohn and Christiansen (6), stated:

Whereas in the streamline flow range ( $Re < 0.05$ ) the particles did not favor any particular orientation with respect to the direction of motion, at  $Re \sim 10$ , the tetrahedrons and cubes assumed an orientation with a face in the horizontal plane or perpendicular to the direction of motion and the other particles showed a tendency to do likewise by  $Re \sim 20$ . This orientation was maintained up to  $Re = 70$  to 300 where the particles beginning with the tetrahedrons, 'teetered' or

wobbled and eventually spun or rolled on a horizontal axis and followed a spiral path rather than a straight vertical path in their descent.

From an article on the sedimentation of thin disks by Squires and Squires (7), it was stated that at very low Reynolds numbers, in the viscous region a body, such as a disk, possessing three perpendicular planes has no tendency to assume any particular orientation during fall. It was further stated:

A disc placed with its flat faces parallel to the direction of motion of the fluid will maintain this orientation. At higher Reynolds numbers, in the turbulent region, the eddies set up by the motion of the disc through the fluid act to maintain the particle at right angles to the direction of motion. Therefore, a disc will always settle in a horizontal position in the turbulent region, and its position when in the viscous region will depend upon its initial inclination.

Miyagi (5), discussed the motion of an air bubble rising in water. The course of the bubble was three-dimensional; it was observed to be a helix around a vertical. The major axis of the bubble was always perpendicular to its course. PLATE XVIII, Fig. 1, based on Fig. 12 of Miyagi's article illustrated the rise of an air bubble in only two of the three dimensions.

Withersall (9), was able to photograph the track of a flat solid (a small crystal of  $\text{AgNO}_3$ ) as it descended in acidulated water. PLATE XVIII, Fig. 2, was based on this photograph.

Bescker (1), provided the following information in a table on the inertial drag characteristics of freely oriented bluff bodies. At  $Re$ 's of 0.1 - 5.5 it was stated that all orientations were stable when there were three or more perpendicular axes of symmetry in the descending disk. At  $Re$ 's of 5.5 - 200 the motion was stable in the position of maximum drag. For  $Re$ 's of 200 - 500 the motion was unpredictable.



Disks tended to wobble, while fuller bluff bodies tended to rotate.

Considering the results of this literature search it was apparent that this study initiated by Professor R. C. Hall of Kansas State University in 1955 was the first recognition of dynamic stability as a property of particles in an infinite expanse of fluid.

#### Illustration of Definition of Dynamic Stability

The following diagram, PLATE I, illustrates the two possible manners in which a disk could theoretically exhibit complete dynamic stability.

#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE I

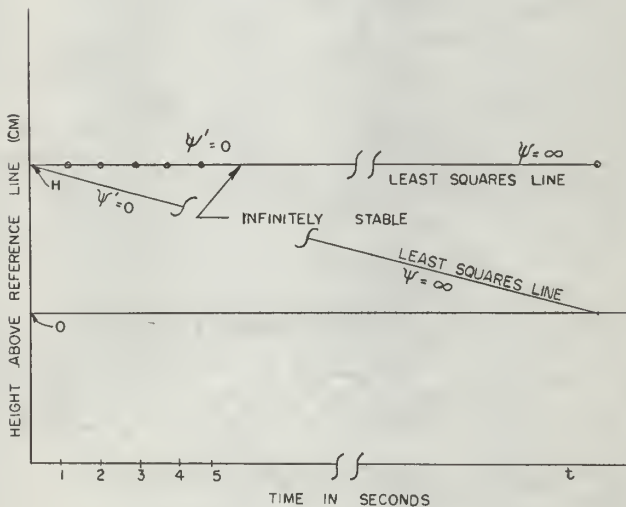
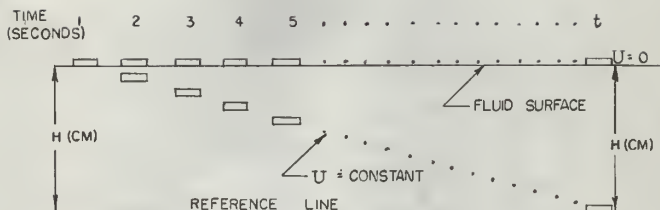
Illustration of infinitely stable motion of disks,

where  $\Psi' = \text{dynamic instability} = 0$ ,

$\Psi = \text{dynamic stability} = \infty$  , and

$U = \text{velocity}$ .

## PLATE I



## PROCEDURE OF MEASUREMENTS

### Outline of Procedure

For the study a series of 46 disks, approximately one inch in diameter and a quarter inch thick, were constructed. Disk 1 was lucite. Disks 2 through 26 had cores of stainless steel and rims of lucite. Disk 27 was all stainless steel. Disks 28 through 46 had lucite cores and stainless steel rims. By varying the size of the cores the disks were each given different weights and moments of inertia. Only part of the disks were used, due to the deterioration of the rest.

The procedure was to drop each disk in turn through a liquid, take motion pictures of the descent, and measure on a projection of each frame of the movie the disk's relative height above a bottom reference line (PLATE XII).

### Detailed Procedure

The procedure utilized in taking the movies of the disk's descent in a liquid media required the services of assistants A and B and photographer P (PLATES II, III, and IV). For the descent of each disk the procedure was as follows:

- 1.) As assistant B changed the cards designating the disk number, the drop number, and the liquid temperature, assistant A placed the designated disk on the particle vacuum release mechanism performing operations 1, 2, and 3 (PLATE V).
- 2.) B then turned on the foreground lights illuminating the

information cards. This signaled P to photograph this information.

- 3). Having built up, during a twenty second count, sufficient vacuum to hold the disk the line from the vacuum pump was closed and 'bled' by A in performing operations 4 and 5 (PLATE V). The release mechanism holding the disk was then lowered into the liquid.
- 4.) At the end of fifty-five seconds of a second count, A notified B to signal P by means of a buzzer to commence photographing. At sixty seconds the remaining vacuum was released by performance of operation 6 (PLATE V), thus allowing the disk to start its descent through the liquid.
- 5.) As the particle reached the bottom of the column, B signaled the photographer to cease operation.
- 6.) This procedure was repeated for successive disks.

An approximately identical method of release for the disks was obtained by means of the particle vacuum release mechanism. By allowing a time lapse, the twenty and sixty second counts, and by floating Agile plastic stars (See Table of Definitions, Appendix) on the fluid surface, the internal fluid agitation was minimized to a satisfactory degree.

Following the development of the film, measurements on the descent of the disk were started. For this operation assistants A and B were again utilized. The assistants were selected on the basis of the similarity between their measurements over several trials. This likeness in observation of the measured quantity allowed the assistants to be rotated between jobs within any set of measurements. To further

minimize fatigue and monotony a third assistant C was used when available.

The film was threaded through a special adaptor (PLATE XI) on the projector. The use of this adaptor largely prevented the film from shifting or buckling, as well as adapting the 16mm. film to a 35mm. projector. Prior to starting the measurements the projector was allowed to run twenty to thirty minutes, thus allowing distortion caused by heat from the projection lamp to reach near equilibrium in the film. The focus on the projector was earlier set at an optimum position; this was determined by repeated adjustments of the focus until both assistants were visually satisfied.

The actual measuring operation was in general performed as follows:

- 1.) After the projector was allowed to heat for twenty to thirty minutes before the day's run, the disk number, liquid temperature, and drop number were identified by assistant B from an identification frame (PLATE XII, Fig. 1) and called to assistant A to be recorded.
- 2.) The film was then pulled through the projector by assistant A until the frame was found showing the disk to be located just below the top reference line. This frame was the first to be measured for each disk descent.
- 3.) At this point necessary minor adjustments were made in the frame location on the screen. By means of the turnbuckles and the focus on the projector (PLATE VI and VII) the projected picture of the frame was re-

stricted between vertical boundary lines drawn on the screen (PLATE VIV). By pulling the film up or down the image of the top reference line was placed in approximate line with a reference mark drawn on the screen (PLATE VIV). These adjustments minimized any possible error in measurements. These errors occurred from minute differences between each frame's position in the projector due to the slight bending of the film and the minor deviations of the film from the vertical in passing each frame through the adapter (PLATE XI).

- 4.) After these preliminaries were finished the readings on a frame were started. By means of a target (PLATES VI, IX, and X), B located the bottom reference line, the particle, and the top reference line positions, respectively. These locations were in turn transmitted by a system of pulleys to a stationary measuring device (PLATE VI and VIII) where the values  $L_H$ ,  $L_P$ , and  $L_L$  were read and recorded by A. For reasons of uniformity in the tension on the pulley wire the target was always adjusted downward onto the image being measured. For statistical reasons the readings were repeated six times for each frame. For each reading, by means of a signal light, B notified A when the target was set and by means of a buzzer, A notified B when he had completed the reading (PLATE VIII).
- 5.) After completing this first frame a second frame was placed in position. For each frame, after the initial frame of a day's measurements, a ten to fifteen second time lapse was

allowed so that the frame had sufficient time to reach equilibrium with the distortions caused by the heat of the projection lamp striking the film.

- 6.) The same procedure was employed for each frame. The measurements for any one disk were terminated at the frame showing the particle in its final position above the bottom reference line.

By utilization of a true length correction factor for each frame,  $\frac{100}{L_p - L_L}$ , changes in the film due to moderate temperature and humidity changes were prevented from causing measuring errors. More rapid distortion due to extreme temperature changes in the film as caused by the heat from the projection lamp were minimized by short time lapses between each frame read in which equilibrium was reached in the film. Fatigue in the measuring personnel was minimized by changes in duties every half hour to one hour, depending on the weather and by taking frequent rest breaks.

Errors in measurement caused by shifts in the picture projection due to extraneous disturbances were avoided by the replacement of such data after the disturbance had ceased. Minor disturbances and vibrations were alleviated by the location of rubber padding under the projector platform and by the use of several restraining wires around the projector (PLATE VI and VIII).

#### Diagrams of Equipment

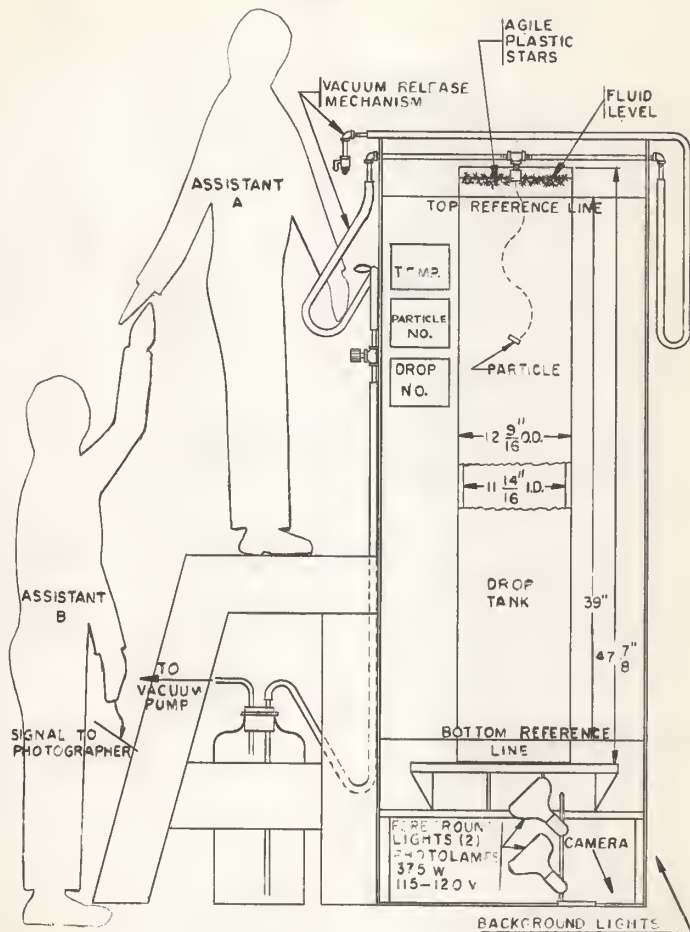
The following pages present diagrams of the experimental equipment and illustrate procedures.



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE II

Front view of particle drop column showing  
lighting arrangement and personnel placement  
for photography of disk descent in liquid  
column.

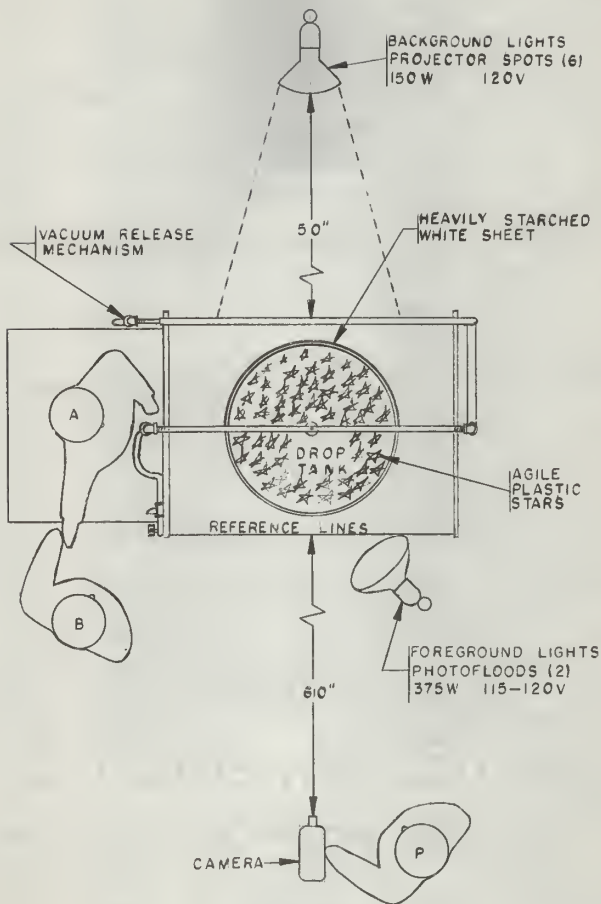
PLATE II



EXPLANATION OF PLATE III

Top view of particle drop column showing personnel,  
lighting and camera positions for photography of  
disk descent in fluid media.

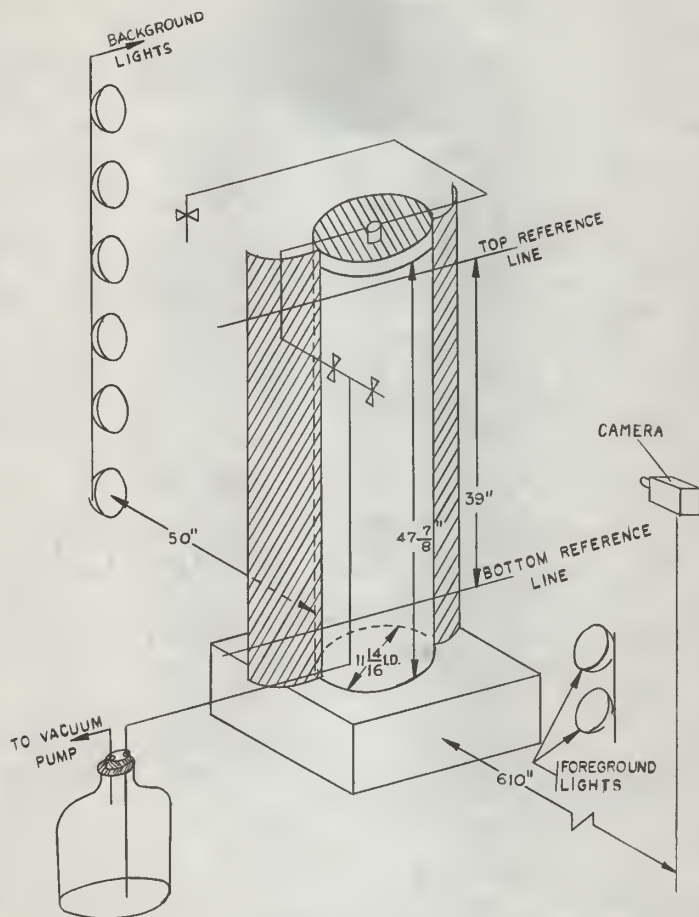
PLATE III



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE IV

Schematic of arrangement for photography of  
disk descent in fluid media in glass column.  
///// heavily starched white sheet as back-  
ground of drop tank.

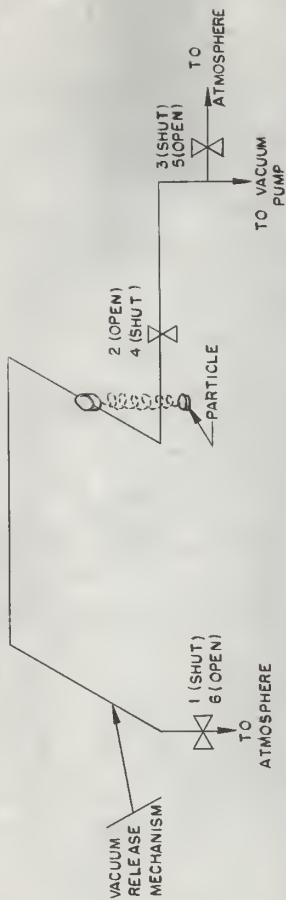
PLATE IV



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE V

Schematic of particle vacuum drop mechanism  
giving order of operation of valves in actual  
release of disk in fluid media.

PLATE V



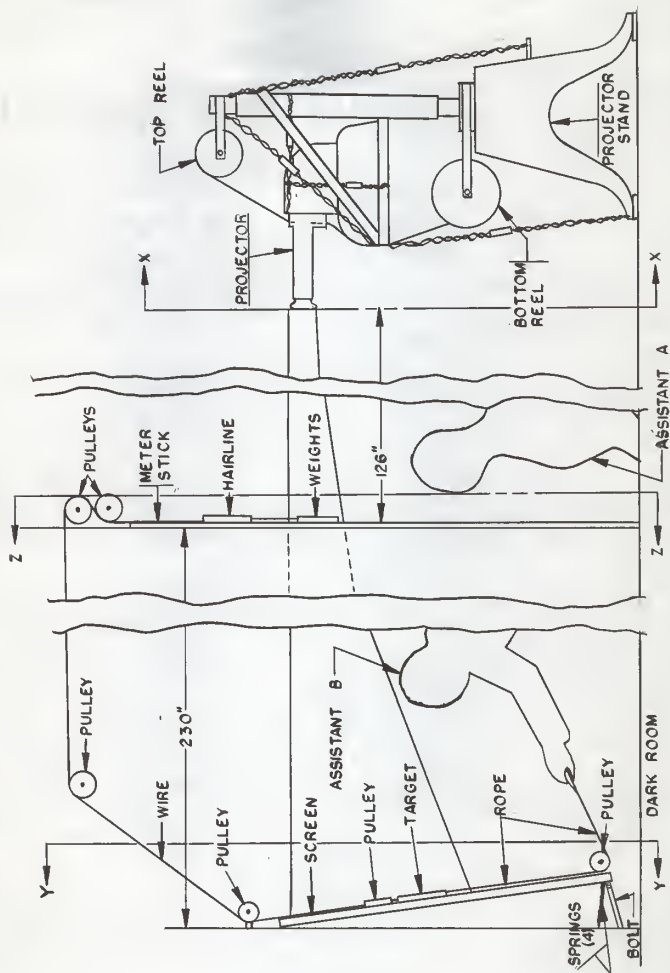


#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE VI

Side view of personnel and equipment for measuring  $L_L$ ,  $L_P$ , and  $L_H$  on film taken in PLATES II, III, IV, and V.

Shows placement of projector, reading device, dark room, and screen.

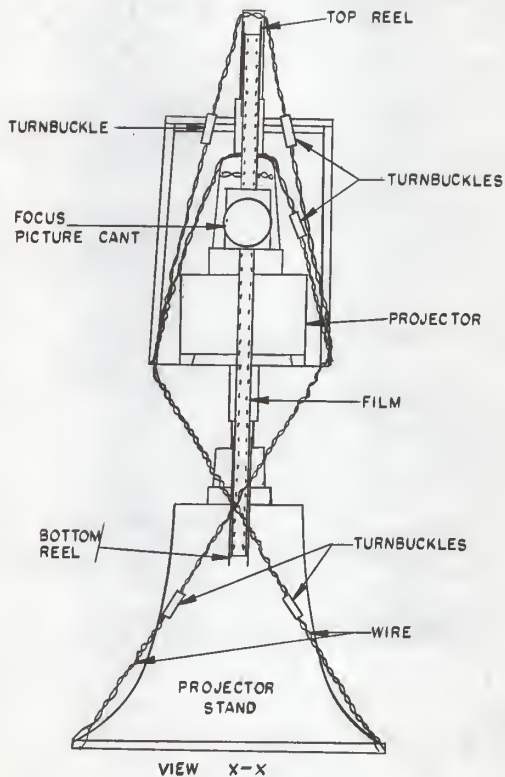
PLATE VI



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE VII

Front view of projector showing location of turnbuckles for right and left adjustments of film projection and focus for refinement and right and left cant of projection.

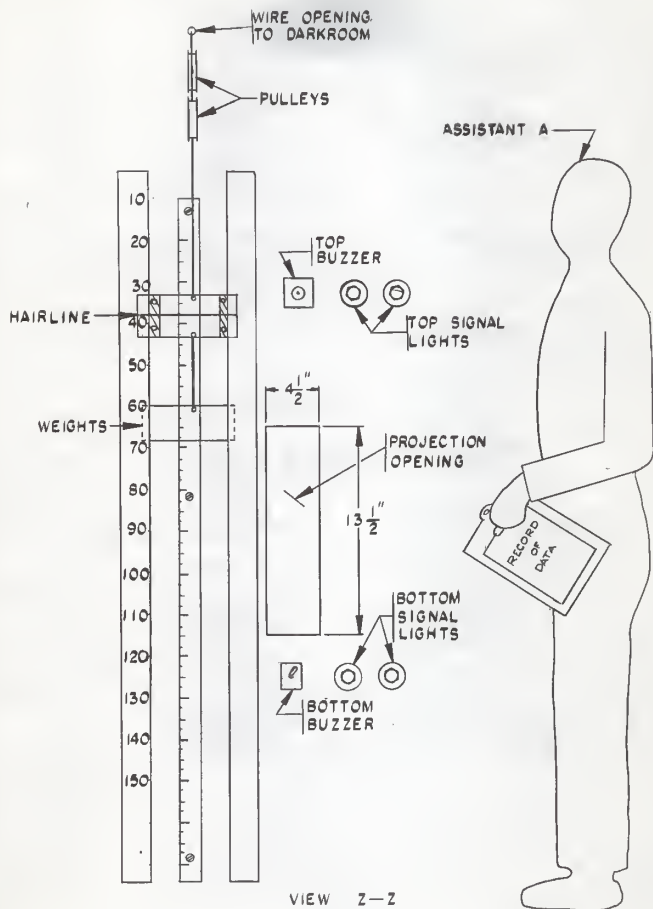
## PLATE VII



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE VIII

Front view of measuring device showing  
assistant A, projectionist and reader-  
recorder of  $L_L$ ,  $L_P$ , and  $L_M$  values.

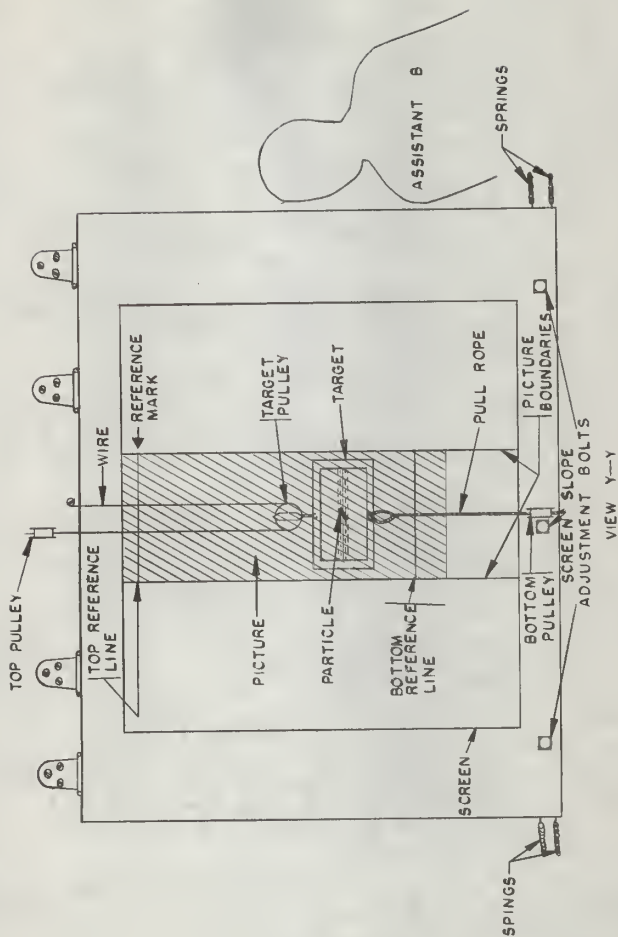
## PLATE VIII



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE IX

Front view of screen showing location of picture, target, and assistant B - target adjuster.

PLATE II

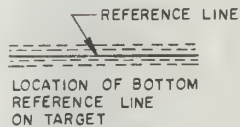
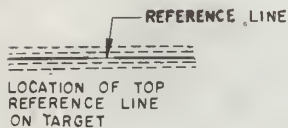
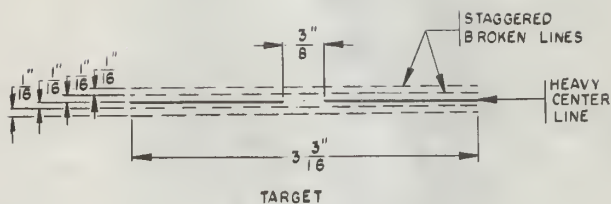




#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE X

Front view of target, showing actual application  
of target to three measured elements of each frame.

## PLATE X

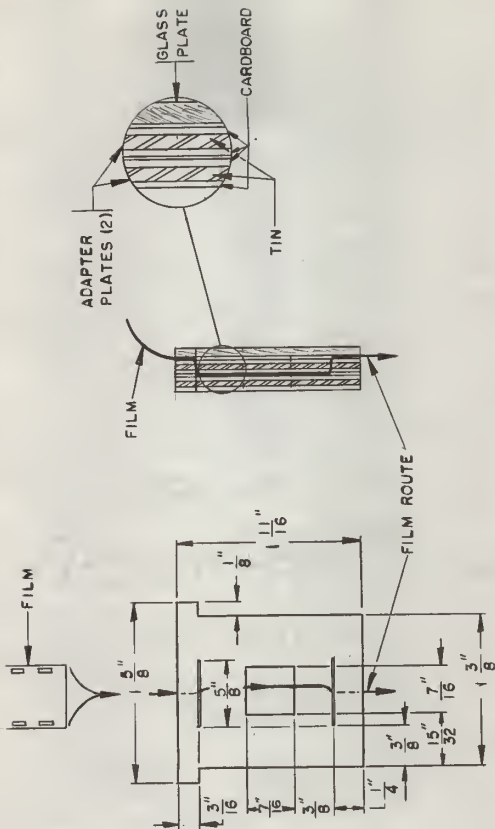


OPERATION OF TARGET

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XI

Front and side views of adapter  
of 16mm film to 35mm projector.

PLATE XI



ADAPTER PLATE

# EXPLANATION OF PLATE XII

Frames from movie of the descent of a disk.

Fig. 1. Identification frame.

/// temperature of fluid media

\\\\ disk number

≡ drop number

Fig. 2. Measuring frame.

$L_H$  = top reference line

$L_p$  = disk

$L_L$  = bottom reference line

## PLATE XII

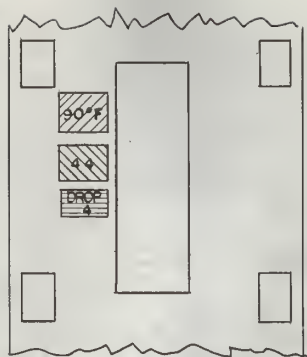


Fig. 1

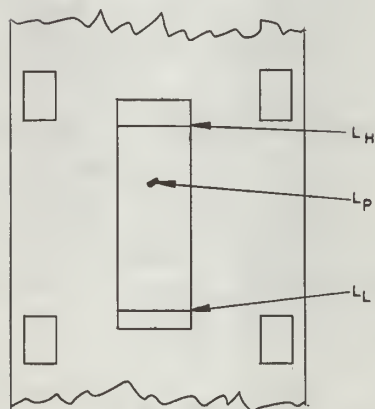


Fig. 2

## MATHEMATICAL DEFINITION OF DYNAMIC STABILITY

Initial Calculations on Data from Representative Frame of a Descent

DATE 7-17-59		PARTICLE NO. 23		
θ	L <sub>H</sub>	L <sub>P</sub>	L <sub>L</sub>	θ
1	1	105.23	104.52	25.52
	2	105.22	104.56	25.51
	3	105.21	104.52	25.49
	4	105.20	104.52	25.50
	5	105.18	104.48	25.49
	6	105.18	104.49	25.51
	Ave	105.20	104.52	25.50
	L <sub>H</sub> -L <sub>L</sub>	79.70	L <sub>P</sub> -L <sub>L</sub>	79.01
2	T.L.	1.25470	h <sub>i</sub>	99.14
	1	102.51	99.38	22.72
	2	102.51	99.32	22.71
	3	102.49	99.30	22.71
	4	102.49	99.34	22.71
	5	102.47	99.32	22.68
	6	102.50	99.31	22.68
	Ave	102.50	99.33	22.70
	L <sub>H</sub> -L <sub>L</sub>	79.80	L <sub>P</sub> -L <sub>L</sub>	76.43
	T.L.	1.25313	h <sub>i</sub>	96.03
	1	102.91	96.88	23.29
	2	102.89	96.90	23.30

θ = frame number.

L<sub>H</sub> = measured height of top reference line, relative to base line.L<sub>P</sub> = measured height of diek, relative to base line.L<sub>L</sub> = measured height of bottom reference line, relative to base line.
$$T.L. = \frac{100}{L_H - L_L} = \text{factor for adjusting relative values to true values.}$$

$$h_1 = (L_P - L_L) \left( \frac{100}{L_H - L_L} \right) = \text{true height of disk above bottom reference line.}$$

(See PLATE XIII, Fig. 1 for physical descriptions of  $L_H$ ,  $L_P$ , and  $L_L$ ).

For first reading on first frame:

$\theta$	Reading	$L_H$	$L_P$	$L_L$
1	1	105.23	104.52	25.52

$$L_H - L_L = 79.71$$

$$L_P - L_L = 79.00$$

$$T. L. = \frac{100}{L_H - L_L} = 1.25455$$

$$h_1 = (L_P - L_L) (T.L.) = 99.11$$

For readings 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 on frame one - above procedure repeated.

Then:

$$h_{i1} = 99.11$$

$$h_{i2} = 99.17$$

$$h_{i3} = 99.13$$

$$h_{i4} = 99.15$$

$$h_{i5} = 99.12$$

$$h_{i6} = 99.13$$

$$h_{i \text{ avg.}} = 99.14 = h_i^-$$

Calculation of 90% confidence interval on  $h_i^-$  of frame one:

$n$	$(h_{i_n} - h_i^-)$	$(h_{i_n} - h_i^-)^2$
1	-0.03	0.0009
2	+0.03	0.0009
3	-0.01	0.0001
4	+0.01	0.0001
5	-0.02	0.0004
6	+0.01	0.0001

$$\sum (h_{i_n} - h_i^-)^2 = 0.0025$$



$$s_1^2(h_1) = \frac{\sum (h_{1n} - h_1^-)^2}{n-1} = \frac{0.0025}{5} = 0.0005$$

$$s^2 = \frac{\sum (h_{1n} - h_1^-)^2}{n(n-1)} = \frac{0.0005}{6} = 0.000083$$

$$s = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{0.000083} = 0.0091$$

$$t_{0.05} = \text{Student's } t \text{ for } 95\% \text{ confidence interval} = 2.571$$

$$(t_{0.05})(s) = 2.571(0.0091) = 0.0234$$

$$h_{1t_{0.05}} = 99.14 \pm 0.02$$

$$99.12 \leq \bar{h}_1 \leq 99.16$$

The confidence intervals on the measurements provided a means of detecting errors that occurred at any time during the processing of the data.

Least squares line (sample regression line):

Observation Number	$\theta$	$h_{1\theta}$	$\theta^2$	$\theta h_{1\theta}$
1	1	99.14	1	99.14
2	2	96.03	4	192.06
.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.
$\theta$	.	.	.	.
	$\sum \theta$	$\sum h_{1\theta}$	$\sum \theta^2$	$\sum \theta h_{1\theta}$

$$(\text{Number of observations}) k + (\sum \theta) j = \sum h_{1\theta}$$

$$(\sum \theta) k + (\sum \theta^2) j = \sum \theta h_{1\theta}$$

Solve simultaneous equations for  $k$  and  $j$ .

Equation of least squares line:

$$y = k + jx$$

$$k = y \text{ intercept at } \theta = 0$$

$j$  = slope of least squares line, or  
sample regression coefficient

Definition of Dynamic Stability,  $\psi_{s^2_{y.x}}$  and  $\psi_{\sqrt{s^2_{y.x}}}$

At any frame,  $\theta$ , the absolute deviation from regression of the height of a disk from the height of the least squares line through its path =  $h_{1\theta} - (k + \theta j)$ , where

$h_{1\theta}$  = the height of the disk at  $\theta$ ,

and  $k + \theta j$  = the height of the least squares line at  $\theta$ .

Assumption: Each frame over the descent of a disk was equal to the same increment of universal time, where the conversion factor of frames to seconds was  $F$ .

For any randomly selected descent of a disk consisting of  $O$  frames, the summation of the squares of absolute deviation from regression =

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| h_{1_1} - (k + j) \right|^2 \text{ times (number of frames having this} \\ & \text{absolute deviation, which was always one) times} \\ & (F) + \left| h_{1_2} - (k + 2j) \right|^2 (1) (F) + \dots \\ & \dots + \left| h_{1_\theta} - (k + \theta j) \right|^2 (1) (F). \end{aligned}$$

Units:

$$\left| h_{1_1} - (k + \theta j) \right|^2 = \text{cm}^2.$$

number of frames having above absolute deviation = frames.

$$F = \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{frames}}$$

$$\text{cm}^2 \frac{\text{frame}}{\text{seconds}} = \text{cm}^2 \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{frames}}$$

Thersfors:

Summation of absoluts daviations from regression =

$$\left| h_{i\theta} - (k + \theta j) \right|^2 (1)(F) = F \sum |d_{y.x}|^2.$$

Finally:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi'^2_{s^2_{y.x}} &= F \sum |d_{y.x}|^2 / (\theta - 2)(F) \\ &= \text{msan square deviation from regrssion, or} \\ \text{dynamic unstability} &= \frac{\text{cm}^2 \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{frames}}}{\frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{frames}}} \\ &= \text{cm}^2. \end{aligned}$$

$\theta - 2$  = total number of frames minus two, since  
two degrees of freedom were lost in the  
calculation.

$$\text{Dynamic stability} = \psi'^2_{s^2_{y.x}} = \frac{1}{\psi'^2_{s^2_{y.x}}} = \frac{1}{\text{cm}^2}$$

$$\text{Or, dynamic stability} = \frac{\psi'^2_{s^2_{y.x}}}{\psi'^2_{s^2_{y.x}}} = \frac{1}{\text{cm}^2}$$

Definition of Dynamic Stability,  $\psi_{\text{AREA}}$

(Sse PLATE XIV, Fig. 1, whsrs the shaded area on this plot represents

$$\psi'_{\text{Area}_{\theta}}.)$$

Trapszoidal Ruls:

(Sss PLATE XIV, Fig. 2 and 3)

$$\begin{aligned} ab &= \left| h_{i\theta} - (k + \theta j) \right| \\ cd &= \left| h_{i\theta+1} - [k + (\theta + 1)j] \right| \\ ef &= \left| h_{i\theta+2} - [k + (\theta + 2)j] \right| \\ gh &= \left| h_{i\theta+3} - [k + (\theta + 3)j] \right| \end{aligned}$$

On Fig. 3:

$$\frac{ab + cd}{2} = wy = xz$$

$$\text{Area } wyzx = \text{area } abdc$$

$$yz = wx = (1) F =$$

$$\text{frames} \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{frames}} = \text{seconds}$$

$$\text{Area abdfhgeca} = \psi' \text{Area} = \frac{ab + cd}{2} (1)(F) + \frac{cd + ef}{2} (1)(F) + \frac{ef + gh}{2} (1)(F) = \left( \frac{ab}{2} + cd + ef + \frac{gh}{2} \right) F.$$

Where the experimental curve crosses the least squares curve between consecutive positions of the disk a value C must be calculated. (See PLATE XIV, Fig. 4)

$$\text{Area a'b'c'd'a'} = \frac{\left\{ \left| h_{i_{\theta}} - (k + \theta j) \right|^2 + \left| h_{i_{\theta+1}} - [k + (\theta + 1)j] \right|^2 \right\}}{2 \left\{ \left| h_{i_{\theta}} - (k + \theta j) \right| + \left| h_{i_{\theta+1}} - [k + (\theta + 1)j] \right| \right\}} F = C$$

Situation 1. (See PLATE XIII, Fig. 2)

$$\text{Area} = \text{Area a12345678b}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{\left| h_{i_1} - (k + j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_2} - (k + 2j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_3} - (k + 3j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_4} - (k + 4j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_5} - (k + 5j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_6} - (k + 6j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_7} - (k + 7j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_8} - (k + 8j) \right|}{2} \right\} (F)$$

Situation 2. (See PLATE XIII, Fig. 3)

$$\text{Area} = \text{Area a12345678b}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{\left| h_{i_1} - (k + j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_2} - (k + 2j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_3} - (k + 3j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_4} - (k + 4j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_5} - (k + 5j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_6} - (k + 6j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_7} - (k + 7j) \right|}{2} + \frac{\left| h_{i_8} - (k + 8j) \right|}{2} \right\} F$$

Situation 3. (See PLATE XIII, Fig. 4)

$$\text{Area} = \text{Area al23456789b}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{|h_{i_1} - (k + j)|}{2} + |h_{i_2} - (k + 2j)| + |h_{i_3} - (k + 3j)| \right. \\ + |h_{i_4} - (k + 4j)| + |h_{i_5} - (k + 5j)| + |h_{i_6} - (k + 6j)| \\ \left. + |h_{i_7} - (k + 7j)| + |h_{i_8} - (k + 8j)| + \frac{|h_{i_9} - (k + 9j)|}{2} \right\} (F),$$

where terms 4 and 7 are zero.

In summary:

$$\text{Area} \frac{\text{AREA}_\theta}{(\theta-2) F} = \frac{(\text{cm.}) (\cancel{\text{frames}}) \frac{\cancel{\text{seconds}}}{\text{frame}}}{(\cancel{\text{frames}}) \frac{\cancel{\text{seconds}}}{\text{frame}}} = \text{cm.},$$

where F cancels the F in  $\psi'_{\text{AREA}_\theta}$

$$\psi_{\text{AREA}} = \text{Dynamic stability} = \frac{1}{\psi'_{\text{AREA}}} = \frac{1}{\text{cm.}}$$

#### Diagrams of Dynamic Stability

On the following pages diagrams are presented illustrating the methods of calculating dynamic stability.

# EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIII

## Definition of Dynamic Unstability.

Fig. 1. Physical significance of  $L_H$ ,  $L_P$ , and  $L_L$ ,  
on single frame of movie of disk descent.

Fig. 2. }  
Fig. 3. } Three possible situations in calculation  
Fig. 4. } of dynamic unstability,  $\Psi$  AREA<sub>g</sub>.

## PLATE XIII

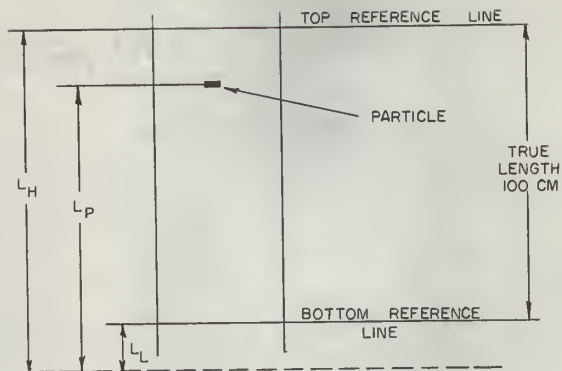


Fig 1

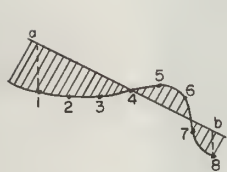


Fig. 2

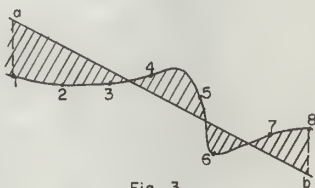


Fig. 3

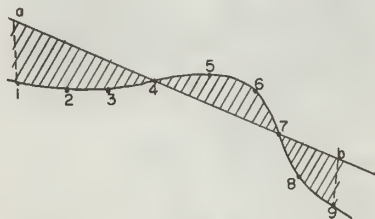


Fig. 4

#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIV

Definition of Dynamic Unstability,  $\Psi'_{\text{AREA}_0}$

Fig. 1. Illustration of  $\Psi'_{\text{AREA}_0}$ , where shaded area adjacent to least squares line represents  $\Psi'_{\text{AREA}_0}$ .

Fig. 2. } Illustration of application of trapezoid rule to  
Fig. 3. } calculating area,  $\Psi'_{\text{AREA}_0}$ .

Fig. 4. Illustration of calculation of area,  $\Psi'_{\text{AREA}_0}$ , in special case where trapezoid rule is not applicable.



## PLATE XIV

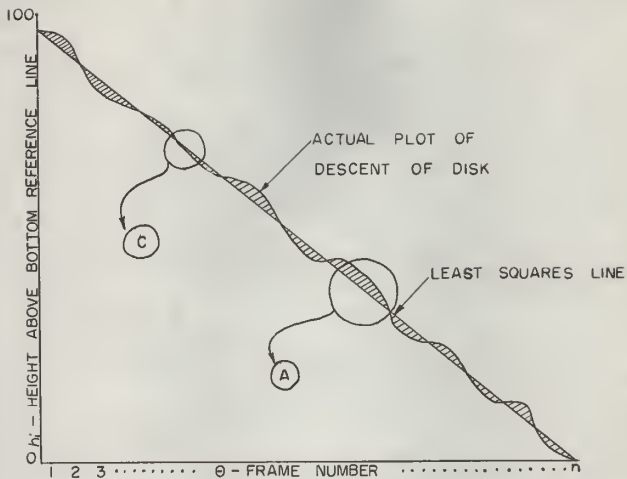


Fig. 1

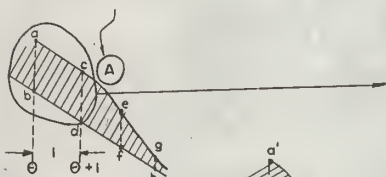


Fig. 2

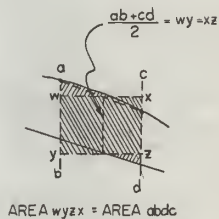


Fig. 3

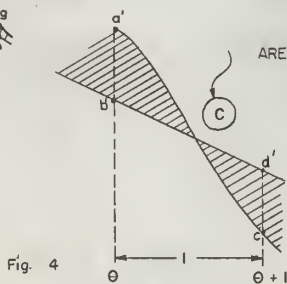


Fig. 4

# GENERAL VISUAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE DESCENT OF DISKS THROUGH TRIETHYLENE GLYCOL AND WATER

## Discussion of Observations and Postulations

Repeated observations were made of the general behavior of the disks as each descended through two separate fluid media; triethylene glycol and water. For water seventeen disks were investigated, while for triethylene glycol sixteen were investigated due to the buoyancy of disk one in the glycol. Preliminary to these investigations both faces of each disk were marked with a heavy black line corresponding to the diameter of the disk. In dropping these disks through either triethylene glycol or water the lines were visible to an observer looking down through the liquid column from a position above the drop tank. From this position any movement of the diameter of the disk in a plane parallel to the surface of the earth could be observed.

The disks were dropped in the fluid media at temperatures of  $80^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{F}$  for water and  $90^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{F}$  for triethylene glycol. At  $80^{\circ}\text{F}$  the density of water was 0.9963 and at  $90^{\circ}\text{F}$  that of one hundred per cent triethylene glycol was 1.115. However, at  $90^{\circ}\text{F}$  the viscosity of triethylene glycol was 22 centipoises while at  $80^{\circ}\text{F}$  that of water was approximately 0.037 times this or 0.82 centipoises.

Observations of the descents of each disk in triethylene glycol showed that the marked diameter normally did not rotate throughout the descent. With five observations of each disk this was observed in 96 per cent of all the observations. Of the disks in triethylene glycol which exhibited rotation of the marked diameter, this rotation appeared in only one out of

five observations made on each of these disks. In all cases this rotation was observed to be less than  $15^{\circ}$ . In triethylene glycol the disk occasionally exhibited rotational motion of the diametrical axis of maximum slope, but even in the majority of these cases the marked diameter remained aligned with the direction which it assumed when released (See Fig. 2, PLATE XVII). These observations were tabulated in Table 10, Appendix.

In water, the less viscous media, the marked diameter showed decided deviations from the direction it assumed when initially released for 65 per cent of the one hundred observations. In water at  $80^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{F}$  two of the heavier disks, 30 and 32, exhibited no diameter rotation over five observations of their descents. The remaining fifteen disks exhibited rotation of the marked diameter in from one to all of the observed drops. In the case of disks 19, 23, 40, 43, and 45, rotations first in one direction and then back in the other were noted in part of the observations. Also it was observed, by the utilization of a second observer watching perpendicular to the descent of the disk, that many of the rotations occurred after the disk had descended three-fourths of the depth of the column. These observations were tabulated in Table 11, Appendix.

Other observations were made on the path of motion which the center of the disk followed as it descended. When viewed from above the liquid column these observations showed that in ninety-seven per cent of five descents each of sixteen different disks the path of a given disk remained within one vertical plane. A sighting mechanism, built of welding bars, was constructed in the shape of a circle, the same size as the top of the drop column, and with a single bar as a diameter of the circle. The apparatus was fitted on the top of the drop column such that as a

disk descended it was possible to rotate the mechanism so that the diametrical bar was contained in the vertical plane through the path of motion of the descending disk. A pointer was added to the mechanism such that it pointed to values of angle inscribed along the rim of the drop column. The angle or angles between the vertical plane containing the disk path of motion and a vertical reference plane passing through  $0^\circ$  on the rim of the column were determined for four separate drops in triethylene glycol. These observations in Table 12, Appendix, showed that only 2 descents out of 64 exhibited a shift in the vertical plane passing through the path of motion of the disk through its 100 cm. descent.

No such conclusive observations were made for the seventeen disks descending in water. In water 57 per cent of the descents showed no single planar restriction of the path of motion as observed from the top of the column. Of the 43 per cent of the descents showing single planar motion 73 per cent of these observations were made on disks 20, 23, 27, 30, 32, 35, 37, and 40. In 32 per cent of the single planar motions the disk hit the side of the tank before the full 100 cm. between reference lines had been traveled. In no case did any disk show single planar wave, flutter, or oscillatory motion for all five observations in water at  $80^\circ \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ . These observations were tabulated in Table 14, Appendix.

The observations in this study were restricted to disks descending in triethylene glycol and in water at Reynolds numbers above 78. After a multitude of observations, including those presented in Tables 13 and 14 of the Appendix, it was postulated that the disks descended in one or more of four main types of motion. These motions were named stable, flutter, wave, and spiral.

In stable motion the center of the disk fell along a vertical line. The vertical line was always perpendicular to the face of the disk. In triethylene glycol particles 6 and 46 descended in a stable manner in five out of five descents of each disk. In water no disk exhibited stable descent in any of the five drops tabulated in Table 14, Appendix. At least ten other drops not tabulated substantiated these observations over the same range of disks.

In flutter the disk exhibited what appeared to be a wobble or "teeter-totter" motion about a given fulcrum. This fulcrum consisted of one particular diameter of the disk; this diameter did not change on the disk throughout the descent. Flutter occurred while the center of the disk was descending through either a vertical line or a three dimensional curvilinear path. In triethylene glycol this diametrical fulcrum remained constant in direction throughout the descent.

In triethylene glycol disks 9, 13, 20, and 45 exhibited what was observed as flutter in one, two, or three descents out of five. Disks 19, 20, and 30 exhibited flutter as a component of wave motion. In water disks 13, 16, 19 and 20 appeared to descend with a flutter in at least one observation out of seven. In Table 14, Appendix, only five of these observations were tabulated. It was found in the case of flutter that a second or third observer sometimes viewed the motion as a small wave, instead of flutter. This led to later decisions concerning flutter as a postulated type of motion.

Wave motion was described as an oscillation of the center of the disk with the face of the disk always remaining perpendicular to the direction of motion (See Fig. 3, PLATE XV). In oscillation the path

of motion of the center of the particle, when projected onto a vertical plane, appeared similar to a sine or cosine curve. As already described for descents in triethylene glycol a single vertical plane contained the entire path of oscillatory motion. For water this restriction to a single vertical plane did not apply, as oscillation and other motions in water were unmistakably three dimensional. In triethylene glycol 75 per cent of the 80 observations in Table 13, Appendix, revealed wave motion alone or in combination with flutter or disk rotation without diameter rotation. In water wave motion alone, or in combination with spiral or disk rotation with diameter rotation, appeared in 67 per cent of the 85 observations of 3 drops in Table 14, Appendix. Spiral was defined as a "cork screw" path of motion of the center of the disk (See Fig. 1, PLATE XVII). In Table 13, Appendix, spiral motion did not appear in 5 drops through triethylene glycol. Other observations made in this study, but not tabulated, substantiated this. In water disk one exhibited exclusively spiral motion over three drops as shown in Table 14, Appendix. In 29 per cent of the total observations of seventeen disks in Table 14, Appendix, spiral motion appeared either alone or as an extension of wave motion and flutter. The two dimensional appearances of these motions were illustrated in PLATES XV and XVII.

Other postulated types of motion were also recognized but these motions only seldom or never appeared in triethylene glycol. The nomenclature given two of these motions were disk rotation without diameter rotation and disk rotation with diameter rotation. In both cases disk rotation was basically defined as rotation of the diametrical axis of maximum slope of a disk. In the former case the disk did not actually

rotates, but, without a diameter reference mark, appeared to do so (See Fig. 2, PLATE XVII). In the latter case the disk rotated as apparent from the rotation of a marked diameter on the face of the disk (See Fig. 3, PLATE XVII). It was found that some discernment was necessary in distinguishing between borderline cases of spiral, disk rotation, and wave.

If the motion, appearing as a wave over a small increment of the total descent, exhibited at the same time one complete loop of a spiral over the total descent it was then classified as spiral instead of wave. If the motion appearing as a disk rotation exhibited any recognizable segment of a spiral loop over the total descent, it was classified as a spiral. In the case of disk rotation and wave motion together, the combination was treated as wave motion with rotation. Infrequently, in only 5 per cent of the observations in Tables 13, Appendix, disk rotation without diameter rotation appeared in triethylene glycol, while disk rotation with diameter rotation did not appear in any of the 80 observations. In water, disk rotation with diameter rotation appeared in less than 5 per cent of the observations in Table 14, Appendix, while disk rotation without diameter rotation was not apparent in any of the 85 observations. Diameter rotation in water was most closely associated with spiral motion as was seen from a comparison of Tables 11 and 14, Appendix. These were illustrated in PLATE XVII.

At this point it was discovered that fairly accurate reproductions of the disk path of descent could be obtained. This was accomplished by tracing with a pencil the projected image of the disk from each movie frame, as each frame in turn, was projected onto a screen of white paper. Prior to tracing, each frame was adjusted to the position on the screen which corresponded to that previously occupied by the



preceding frame traced. This positioning was accomplished by adjusting the upper reference line pictured on each frame of the movie to a constant reference point on the white paper background; by this technique a fairly accurate reproduction of the overall path of descent was obtained. Only parts of the six descents filmed were analyzed in this manner due to the excess time and personnel requirements.

From these sketches more exacting pictures of the postulated types of motions of disks in triethylene glycol were established. The results of analysis of these sketches were tabulated in Table 15, Appendix. It was found that flutter was merely wave motion with barely perceptible horizontal displacement when viewed at the true velocity of descent. This observation was further substantiated by analyzing the remainder of the movies. For this analysis a vertical reference line was established by holding a white string vertically downward from the initial projected position of a disk as viewed on the movie screen. The projection of the disk was carefully observed as it descended along the string on the screen. Horizontal displacements to the right and left of this line immediately showed up on all the disks which had been formerly depicted as descending with a fluttering motion. These same operations, also, showed that the disks depicted as settling in stable motion did indeed settle in that manner. Typical results of these latter analyses were also tabulated in Table 15, Appendix.

From these newer approaches to observing motion it was postulated that wave motion actually consisted of three types. That previously classified as wave motion was reclassified as two types of motion - wave I and wave III. Wave I was subtyped as wave I-A and wave I-B.



Wave, as previously defined, became wave I-A. It was noted that wave I-A consisted of planar oscillatory motion and it was postulated that the disk always maintained orientation such as to offer the face of greatest resistance perpendicular to the path of motion of the center of the disk. Wave I-B motion was observed as similar in definition to wave I-A motion, but without the restriction that the face of greatest resistance always be perpendicular to the path of the center of the disk. Analysis of sketches of disk descents showed that as a disk became heavier its increased moment of inertia prevented it from behaving as a wave I-A disk. It was impossible to discern between these two types of motion on the sketches of the disk descent. However, as the moment of inertia of the disks increased, wave I-A and wave I-B motions formed a logical sequence between stable and wave III motions. Wave I-B motion was definitely observed in disks 19, 20, 23, and 27. However, for disks 9, 13, and 16 there was little to discern between the types of motion, since the sketches were not refined enough to allow precision study. The heavier a disk became the larger the absolute difference of  $\theta - 90^\circ$  became.  $\theta$  represented, at any instant, the smallest angle between the plane of the leading face of the disk and the directional vector of the center of the disk. Disks exhibiting wave I-A and I-B motion, at least once, were 16, 19, 20, 23, 27, and 30. These motions are illustrated in PLATES XV, XVI, and XVII.

When the plane containing the face of a disk rotated away from the horizontal through the vertical and back to the horizontal wave III motion was observed. It was postulated that the angle between the plane containing the face of the disk and a horizontal plane became increasingly

larger as the disk descended until the disk turned over or flipped. Flip was defined as the motion of a disk where the lower face of the disk interchanged with the upper face through a  $180^\circ$  rotation. Disks exhibiting wave III motion were disks with large moments of inertia with respect to their weights. In all cases they were of steel rim and plastic core construction. Therefore this flipping action was a result of the large moments of inertia of these disks. This was a reasonable conclusion when it was considered that a baton is constructed of a shaft with heavy weights at each end such that it has a large moment of inertia.

The motions described here and illustrated in PLATE XVI can be observed by the use of a sheet of typing paper. A rectangle 4 by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches cut from the sheet and dropped face down from shoulder high exhibits wave III motion. A square consisting of three  $2\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pieces glued together exhibits either wave I-A or wave I-B motions.

Further observations concerned the frequencies of planar oscillation of disks descending in wave patterns. From the sketches prepared for Table 15, Appendix, the following frequencies in cycles per 100 cm. descent were observed for parts of two different drops.

Table 1: Frequencies in Cycles per 100 cm. Descents of Disks.

Disk Number	Drop One	Drop Two
9	---	6
13	---	6
16	6	6
19	6	$5\frac{1}{2}$
20	---	$5\frac{3}{5}$
23	5	---
27	$4\frac{3}{4}$	---
30	4	---
32	4	---
35	---	---
37	$3\frac{2}{3}$	---
40	---	---

### Diagrams of Postulated Types of Motion

On the following pages diagrams are presented illustrating the postulated types of motion of disks descending in triethylene glycol and water.

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XV

Postulated types of motion of disks descending  
in a fluid media.

Fig. 1. Stable descent.

Fig. 2. Flutter.

Fig. 3. Wave I-A, one of two possible subtypes  
of Wave I.

PLATE XV

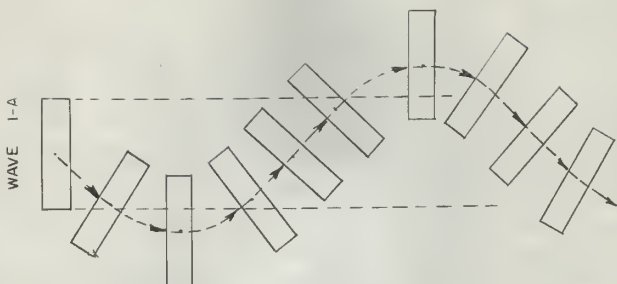
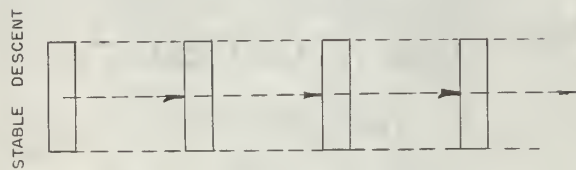


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVI

Postulated types of motion of disks descending in a fluid media.

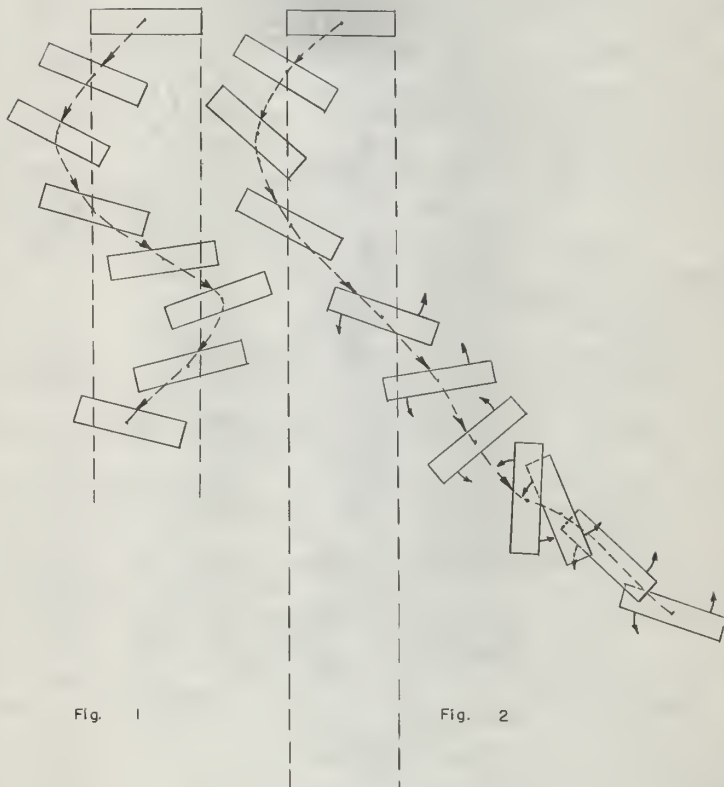
Fig. 1. Wave I-B, the other subtypes of Wave I motion.

Fig. 2. Wave III.

## PLATE XVI

WAVE I-B

WAVE III



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVII

Postulated types of motion of disks descending in fluid media.

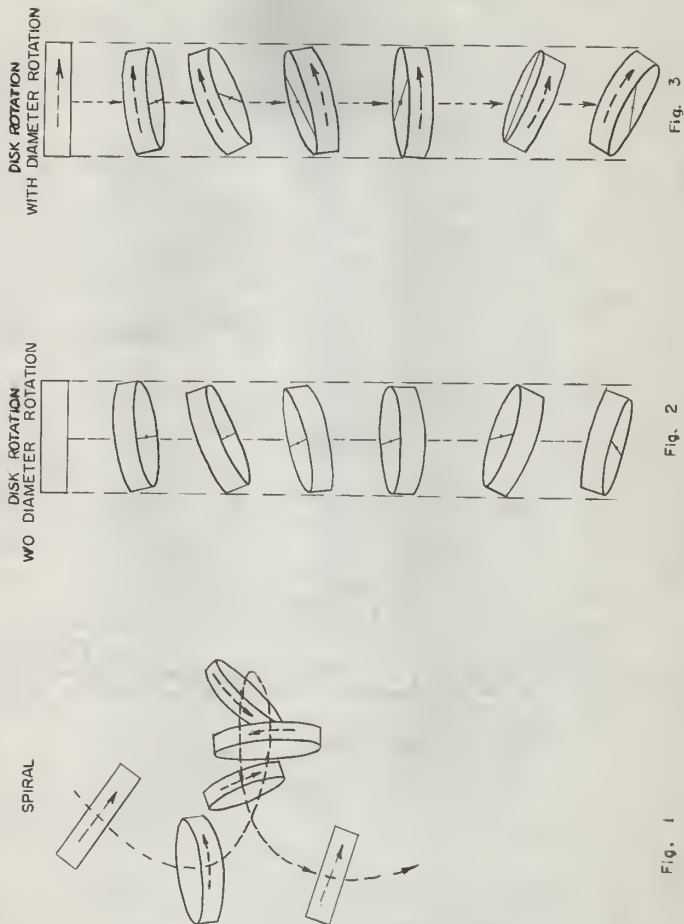
Fig. 1. Spiral.

Fig. 2. Disk rotation without diameter rotation.

Fig. 3. Disk rotation with diameter rotation.



## PLATE XVII



### EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVIII

Illustrations of ascent of air bubble and descent of flat solid.

Fig. 1. Ascent of air bubble.

This illustration was acquired from Fig. 12 of Reference 5.

Fig. 2. The track of a flat solid.

This illustration was acquired from Reference 9.

## PLATE XVIII

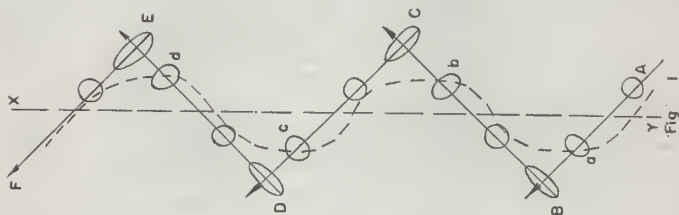


Fig. 2

## EVALUATION OF DATA AND PRESENTATION OF RESULTS


Dynamic stabilities were calculated by three methods; each method was previously described. The dynamic stabilities evaluated were  $\Psi_{s^2_{y,x}}$ , reciprocal of mean square deviation from regression,  $\Psi_{s^2_{y,x}}$ , reciprocal of sample standard deviation from regression, and  $\Psi_{\text{AREA}}$ , reciprocal of mean area between least squares line and path of disk descent. These values for three drops were tabulated in Tables 7, 8, and 9 of the Appendix. Obvious differences existed between the dynamic stabilities calculated by any one method for each disk over its three descents. The more outstanding reasons for these differences were the randomness of free-fall descents of disks in fluids, the paralactic errors, the measuring errors, and the extraneous disturbances, as described in the procedure, in the fluid media during descents of the disks.

It was impossible to distinguish between true randomness of motion and erraticness of motion which was induced by extraneous disturbances. Extraneously induced disturbances in the fluid were assumed to be sufficiently dampened by the precautions earlier described in the procedure, although these steps certainly guaranteed no possibility for complete removal of this source of error. Measuring errors, a result of obtaining values of disk height from motion pictures of disk descents, provided measureable but unpredictable sources of disagreement, dictated by equipment, personal, and environmental deficiencies at any time. Parallax - as treated by Himes (3) - also afforded measureable sources of error, where the magnitude of paralactic error was determined, for the

# EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIX

Illustration of 90% confidence intervals

on  $\psi \sqrt{s^2_{y.x}}$ , dynamic stability, for range  
of disks investigated.

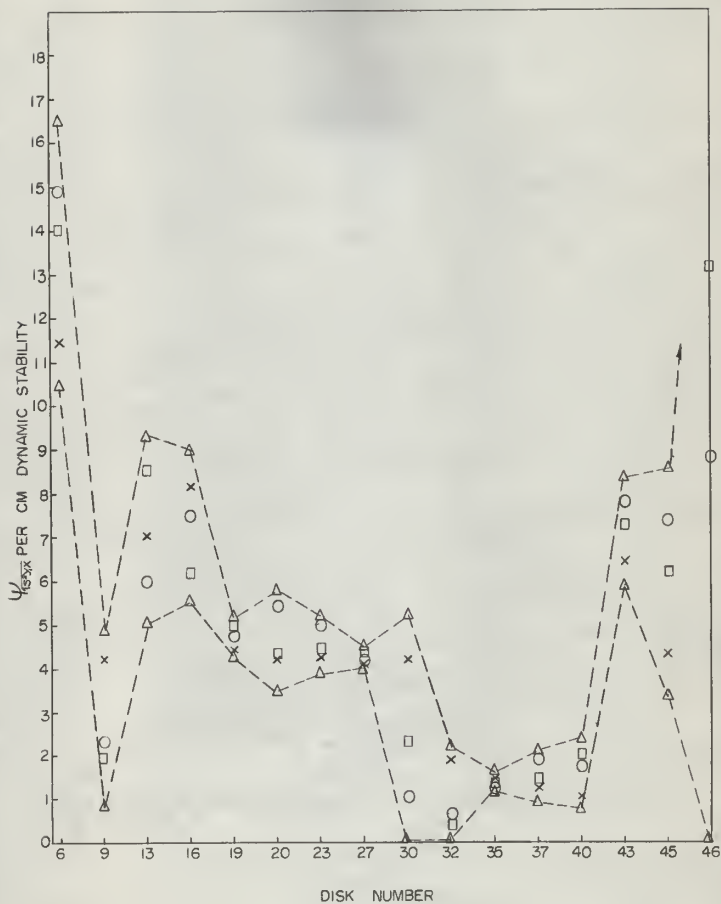
 upper and lower  
limits of 90%  
confidence intervals.

X Drop 1.

O Drop 2.

□ Drop 3.

PLATE XIX



# EXPLANATION OF PLATE XX

Plots of  $\Psi\sqrt{s^2_{y.x}}$ , dynamic stability, for three drops over entire range of disks showing intensities of  $\Psi\sqrt{s^2_{y.x}}$  in relation to postulated types of motion.

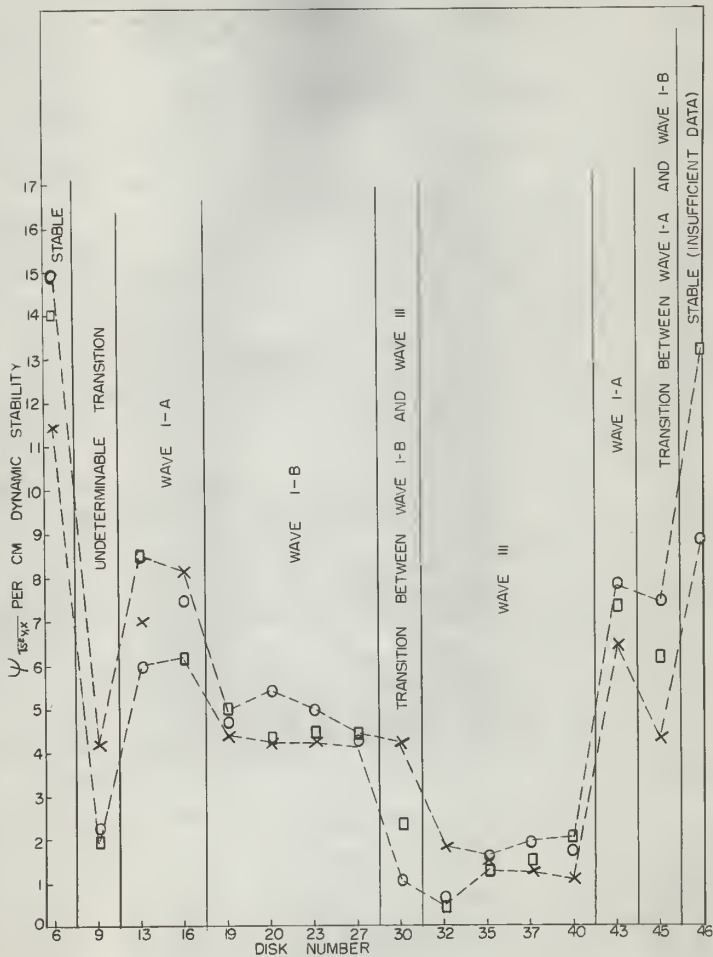
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O Drop 2.

□ Drop 3.

--- upper and lower  
boundaries on ranges  
of  $\Psi\sqrt{s^2_{y.x}}$ .

PLATE XX





EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXI

Plots of  $\Psi$  AREA, dynamic stability, for three drops over entire range of disks.

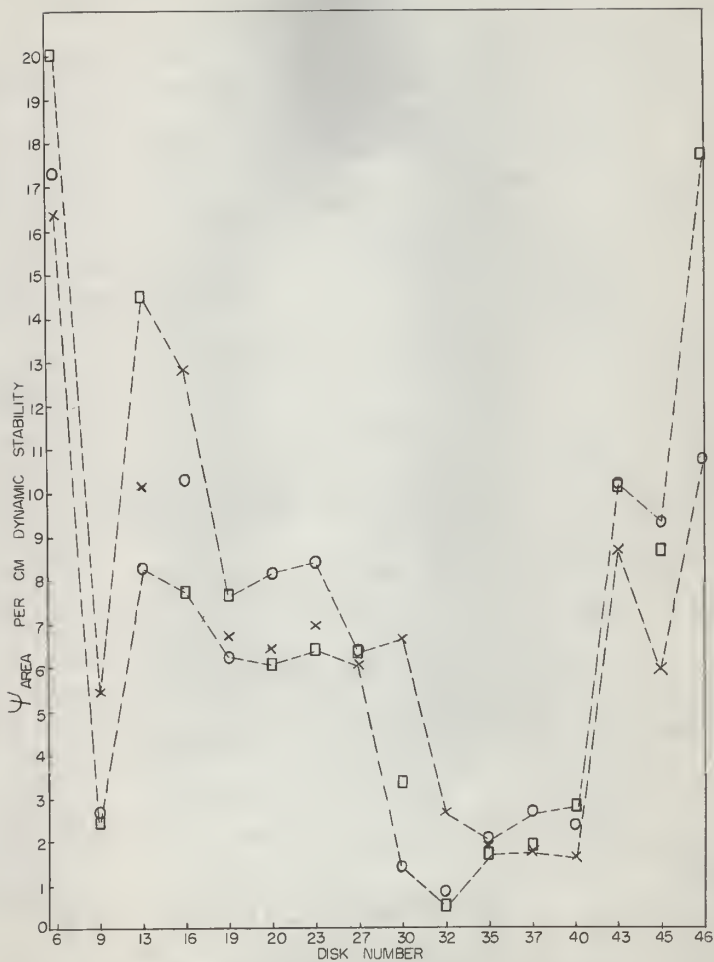
X Drop 1.

O Drop 2.

□ Drop 3.

--- upper and lower  
boundaries on ranges  
of  $\Psi$  AREA.

## PLATE XXI



EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXII

Plots of  $\psi s^2_{y.x}$ , dynamic stabilities for  
three drops over entire range of disks.

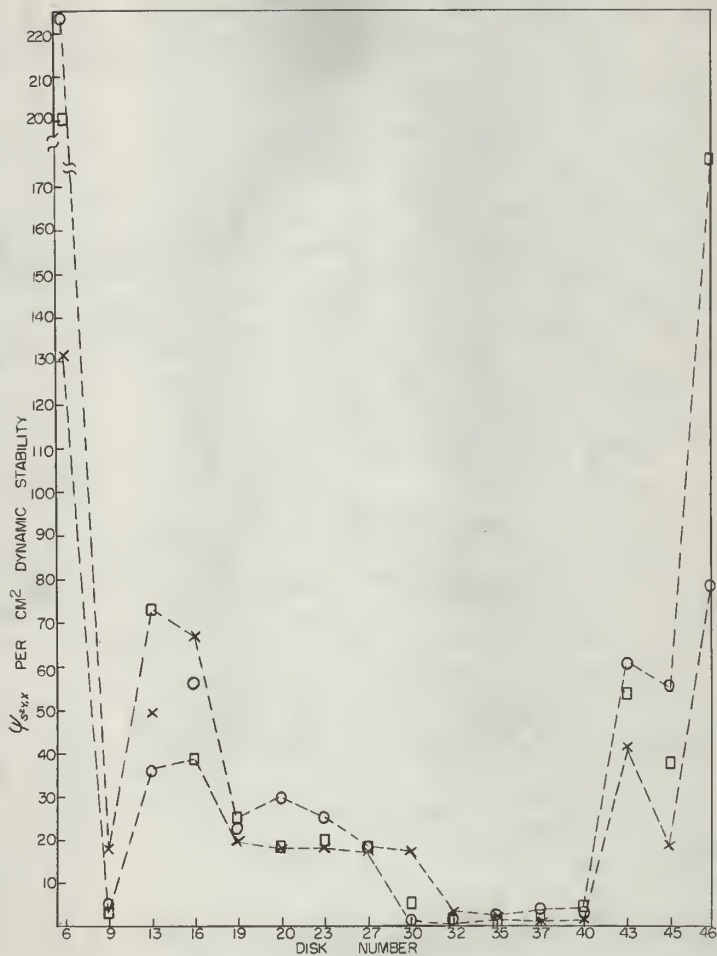
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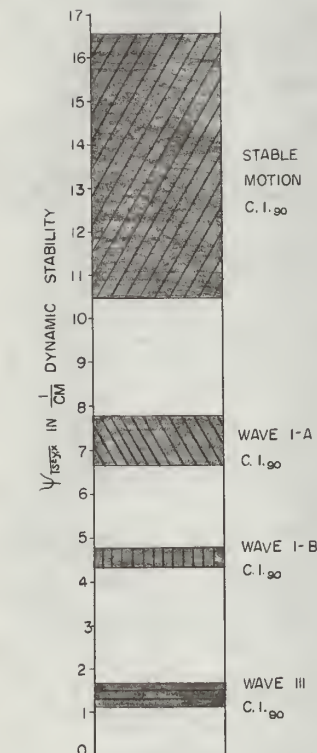
## PLATE XXII



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXIII

Bar graph illustrating relationship of 90% confidence intervals of  $\psi \sqrt{s^2_{y.x}}$ , dynamic stabilities, of disks classified according to postulated types of motion.

## PLATE XXIII



#### EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXIV

Graph of properties of disks for three drops  
in relation to postulated types of motion  
assigned each disk.

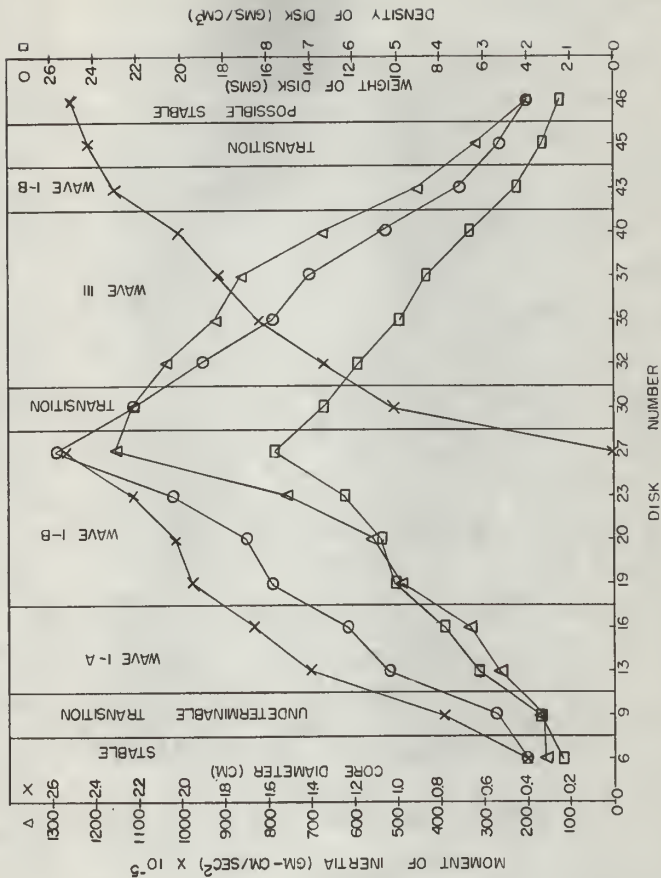
O weight of disk.

□ density of disk.

X core diameter of disk.

Δ moment of inertia of disk.

PLATE XXIV





# EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXV

Graph of Reynolds Numbers of disks for three drops in relation to postulated types of motion assigned each disk.

$$Re = \frac{D_s v \rho}{\mu}, \text{ where}$$

$D_s$  = diameter of sphere having same volume as disk in ft.

$v$  = velocity of disk in ft./sec.

$\rho$  = density of fluid in lb./ft.<sup>3</sup>

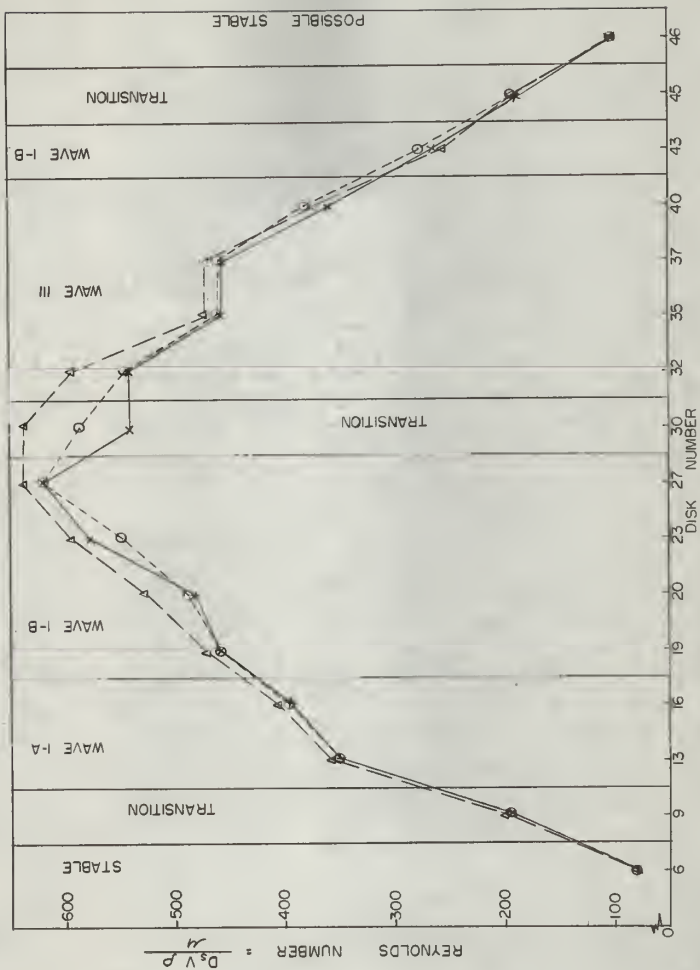
$\mu$  = viscosity of fluid in Bvu, lb./ft. sec.

X Drop 1.

□ Drop 2.

Δ Drop 3.

PLATE XXV



major part, by the position of the particle relative to the location of the reference wires and to the location of the camera. By moving the camera to a position further from the drop column the parallax was lessened by a calculable amount. However, the allowable distance between the camera and the tank was limited by the characteristics of the available telescopic lenses.

In summary extraneously induced disturbances of the descent of a disk and randomness of behavior in the descent of a disk provided incalculable and uncontrollable sources of disagreement between measured paths of descents. Measuring error was calculable but uncontrollable, while parallax was both calculable and controllable within equipment and camera limitations. Therefore, it remained to minimize parallax error to the degree where it was of the same or of a lesser magnitude than measuring error. Without altering the original locations of the reference wires this was accomplished by increasing the distance between the camera and the drop column to the maximum allowed by the available telescopic lenses. Confidence intervals on maximum measuring error when compared with maximum possible parallax error were found to be of the same range of magnitude. This comparison was presented in PARALLAX (3) in conjunction with a rigorous investigation of parallax.

Other sources of error were due to the non-uniformity of release of the disks and size limitations of the drop column. The former was minimized by disregarding an initial length of each descent while the latter was unavoidable for monetary reasons. Another source of error resulted from variations in the rate at which the camera filmed the descent. The speed of the camera was found to vary from 16.5 to 19.6

frames per second. This meant that the relative magnitude of each frame varied within a given descent. The assumption that all frames were equal to the same increment of time was not true. This variation was a characteristic of the spring and governor regulating the camera speed. It, also, depended upon how often and to what degree the photographer wound the camera. For this reason it was impossible to calculate the magnitude of this source of error. The solution to this problem lay in the statement, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". However, "the ounce of prevention," consisted of a synchronizing motor attachment for the camera. Monetary limitations prevented this. However, after some consideration it was felt that this lack of uniformity in the camera speed was not nearly as critical as measuring and paralactic errors, since the variation of camera speed within any one descent was extremely small. This was borne out by the excellent agreement between the calculated dynamic stabilities of various descents of most disks.

The values of dynamic stability by each method -  $\Psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$ ,  $\Psi_{AREA}$ ,  $\Psi s^2_{y,x}$ , - were plotted in PLATES XX, XXI, and XXII, respectively. The method based upon  $\Psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$  was randomly chosen from these three for further consideration. In PLATE XIX,  $\Psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$  was plotted as the upper and lower limits of 90 per cent confidence intervals on the dynamic stabilities of each disk. This graph illustrated the statement that the true value of dynamic stability for each disk had a 90 per cent chance of lying between the individual limits described. This did not state that the true curve of dynamic stability had a 90 per cent chance of lying entirely between these limits formed by

connecting the individual limits. However, the limits so acquired by connecting these individual limits lead to the statement that each point of the true curve of dynamic stabilities had a 90 per cent chance of lying within these limits.

During the period of calculation of dynamic stabilities a completely isolated study was being conducted on the types of motion apparent in the disk descents. As was described earlier in this thesis under General Visual Observations on the Descent of Disks through Triethylene Glycol and Water each disk was assigned to one of three main types of motion. In PLATE XX the range of assigned motions were compared with the magnitudes of dynamic stabilities. In PLATE XXIV, a similar comparison was made between physical characteristics of the disks and assigned motions. In PLATE XXV, a like comparison was made between Reynolds numbers and assigned motions.

#### DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

With reference to Tables 7, 8, and 9 of the Appendix, it is seen that decided agreements between dynamic stabilities of the three descents of each disk were clearly observed for most of the disks. Disks not exhibiting this agreement were numbers 9, 30, 32, and 45. In these cases the disagreements, relative to the magnitudes of the dynamic stabilities, were large. Erratic behavior in the source of a measurable quantity was associated by this investigator with the inability to reproduce measurements of that quantity. Therefore, because of the visually observed erraticness of disks 30, 32, 35, 37, and 40 during their descents disagreement was expected, although only disks 30 and 32 actually exhibited

any marked diversion. This indicated some degree of uniformity of behavior within the erraticness. Erraticness in the descent of a disk was also associated with low dynamic stabilities. This was true; disks 32, 35, 27, and 40 had the lowest values of dynamic stability.

Dynamic stabilities,  $\Psi\sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$ ,  $\Psi_{AREA}$ , and  $\Psi s^2_{y,x}$ , were plotted on PLATES XX, XXI, and XXII, respectively. From the plots of all three methods four levels of magnitudes of dynamic stability were apparent. Selecting  $\Psi\sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$  for further study, it was found that disk 6, the most stable, formed the highest level. Disks 13, 16, and 43 formed the second level. Disks 19, 20, 23, and 27 formed the third. Disks 32, 25, 27, and 40 formed the lowest and final level. Disks 9, 30, and 45 had values of dynamic stability in more than one level. With only two values of dynamic stability it was improper to classify disk 46 in any of the levels.

The four levels were then compared with the postulated types of motion exhibited by the descending disks, Table 15, Appendix. This study, dealing with the types of motion, was conducted prior to and separate from the evaluation of dynamic stabilities. Therefore, the excellent agreement of the two was surprising. These postulated types of motion were compared with dynamic stabilities on the plot of  $\Psi\sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$  against disk number, PLATE XX. The discrepancies caused by disks 9, 30, and 45 were resolved by considering these disks as transitional between two types of motion. Table 15, Appendix, substantiated this for disk 30, since this disk was found to exhibit more than one type of motion. Disk 43 was observed to exhibit wave I. Its values of dynamic stability did not, however, indicate to which subtype it belonged. Since one value

of dynamic stability on disk 43 fell into the wave I-A level and the other two into the wave I-B level, disk 43 was finally classified as transitional between wave I-A and wave I-B. Disk 9 presented the only outstanding discrepancy in that the observed motion, postulated as wave I, did not agree with the levels in which its dynamic stabilities fell - wave I-B and wave III. Therefore, disk 9 was classified as being in an undeterminable transition region.

Ninety per cent confidence intervals were calculated on the three values of dynamic stability for each disk, as presented in Table 3, Appendix. The close agreement between the confidence intervals on dynamic stability among various disks within a given type of fall indicated that the dynamic stabilities for these disks came from the same populations. The disks having comparable confidence intervals were found to form four separate groups. These four groups corresponded exactly to the four levels of dynamic stability earlier found to correspond to the postulated types of motion. Therefore, the values of dynamic stability for each disk, with the exceptions of 9, 30, and 45, fell into one of the postulated types of motion. Ninety per cent confidence intervals were then calculated on each group as presented in Table 4, Appendix. The limits on these groups, or levels, were then presented as a bar graph in PLATE XXIII. This illustrated the statement that the true value of dynamic stability for each of these groups had a 90 per cent chance of lying within the limits, indicating that each such level was distinct and separate from the others.

The next step was to make an attempt to correlate the properties of the disks and fluid to the assigned types of motion. The properties of



the disks were tabulated in Table 5, Appendix, and plotted in conjunction with the types of motion assigned each disk in PLATE XXIV. From Tables 7, 8, and 9 of the Appendix Re's were plotted in the same manner in PLATE XXV. From PLATE XXIV the only conclusive statement possible was that disks exhibited greater unetability as their momente of inertia became large relative to their weighte. Stable motion occurred at low weights, low moments of inertia, and low densities relative to the comparable properties for dieke which exhibited other postulated types of motion. Disk 6 exhibited stable motion. Finally, from PLATE XXV, the Reynolds numbers, based on  $D_s$ , for the three descents of disk 6 were less than 100. Disks exhibiting waves I-A, I-B, and III motion had Re's of 275 to 325, 225 to 650, and 300 to 625, respectively.

### CONCLUSIONS

The moet significant conclusion, based upon more than 41,000 meaasurements, was that dynamic etability of disks is measureable and therefore exists.

It was concluded that a disk, in a free-fall deecent, exhibited one of three postulated types of motion; i. e. stable, wave I, or wave III. It was further postulated that wave I motion consisted of subtypee; wave I-A and wave I-B. The distinction between these subtypes appeared in the measured dynamic stabilitiee; correeponding to the exact boundary predicted by the observations (See Table 15, Appendix). In water disks exhibited three main types of motion; i. e. wave, spiral, or disk rotation with diameter rotation, or combinations of these. For triethylene glycol



a definite relationship was found between these motions and dynamic stability,  $\psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$ .

Table 2: Relationship Between Types of Motion and  $\psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$ .

Disk number	Postulated type of motion	Range of dynamic stabilities, 1/cm.
6	Stable	11.49 to 14.92
13, 16, and 43	Wave I-A	6.02 to 8.55
19, 20, 23, and 27	Wave I-B	4.15 to 5.46
32, 35, 37 and 40	Wave III	0.44 to 2.01

Each range of dynamic stabilities corresponding to a particular type or subtype of motion was distinct and separate from any of the others. By applying confidence intervals to these ranges it was shown that the true value of dynamic stability for each type of motion had a 90 per cent chance of lying within limits which did not overlap the limits of other types of motion.

Actually, three methods,  $\psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$ ,  $\psi s^2_{y,x}$ , and  $\psi_{AREA}$  were used in calculating dynamic stability. The method based upon  $\psi \sqrt{s^2_{y,x}}$  was randomly chosen from these three for further consideration.

From a comparison of physical properties of the disks against the types of motion into which each disk fell it was found that a low dynamic stability was associated with a high moment of inertia relative to the weight of the disk. This is summarized in PLATE XXIV.

From a comparison of Reynolds numbers for each disk with the types of motion of each disk it was concluded that a  $Re$ , based on  $D_s$ , of one hundred or less was associated with stable motion. Disk 6, the only disk which clearly exhibited stable motion, was the lightest one and it also had the least density and moment of inertia of all those investigated.

These conclusions were all restricted to disks which descended in triethylene glycol at 88 to 90°F at Re, based on  $D_s$ , ranging from 78 to 640.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are recommended for immediate investigation:

1. Paralactic error may be noticeably reduced by moving the reference wires to a position in contact with the drop column. This suggests an investigation of the positioning of the top reference wire immediately above the release mechanism and the bottom reference wire inside the column near the bottom.

2. Parallax may be further reduced by removing the camera further from the drop column, thus suggesting that an investigation be made of telescopic lenses allowing this increased distance.

3. Recent films of disk descents revealed that a suspension of rust pigments in the triethylene glycol produced more distinct pictures of the disks. Other pigments may prove even more satisfactory.

4. Error, although not significant when compared to paralactic and measuring errors, was introduced into the final values of dynamic stability due to the non-uniformity of the camera speed. It is possible to rectify this by the use of a synchronizing motor. As paralactic and measuring errors are decreased this consideration will become important.

5. Measuring errors and measuring time could be noticeably decreased by moving the dark room and projector to a location supported by concrete flooring.

6. The size of the drop column should be appreciably increased. An increased diameter would lessen wall effects, while both an increased diameter and length would allow a more thorough study of disks exhibiting wave III motion.

The following are recommended for long-range investigation:

1. An analysis should be made of the possibility of using a radioactive source to expose film strips attached to the drop column to obtain a continuous picture of the disk descent.

2. A survey should be made of the possibility of employing either electric eyes or magnetic coils along the length of the column, such that with the addition of an appropriate recorder, readings of particle height may be directly obtained.

3. A study should be made of drop tanks other than cylindrical in shape.

Statements could be made concerning what next should be investigated, but dynamic stability has revealed such a fertile field as to make any recommendations for future work little more than twigs in an ocean, therefore, such concern will be left to the interests of future investigators.

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## APPENDIX

Table 3. Calculation of C. I. 90 on Dynamic Stabilities

Disk Number	$\psi_{s^2}^2$	$y \cdot x$	1/cm	Drop 1	Drop 2	Drop 3	$\bar{x}_1$	Average	$\sum (x_{1k} - \bar{x}_1)^2$	$\sqrt{\sum S_m}$	90% Confidence Intervals
6	11.49	14.92	14.08	13.50	6.39	1.03	$10.49 \leq x_1 \leq 16.51$				
9	4.26	2.34	1.99	2.86	2.90	0.70	$0.82 \leq x_1 \leq 4.90$				
13	7.04	6.02	8.55	7.20	3.24	0.73	$5.07 \leq x_1 \leq 9.33$				
16	8.20	7.52	6.21	7.31	2.04	0.59	$5.60 \leq x_1 \leq 9.02$				
19	4.46	4.78	5.03	4.76	0.16	0.16	$4.29 \leq x_1 \leq 5.23$				
20	4.26	5.46	4.29	4.67	0.93	0.40	$3.52 \leq x_1 \leq 5.82$				
23	4.29	5.02	4.44	4.58	0.30	0.22	$3.93 \leq x_1 \leq 5.23$				
27	4.15	4.24	4.44	4.28	0.04	0.08	$4.03 \leq x_1 \leq 4.53$				
30	4.22	1.09	2.35	2.55	4.96	0.91	$0.00 \leq x_1 \leq 5.21$				
32	1.86	0.68	0.44	0.99	1.16	0.44	$0.00 \leq x_1 \leq 2.27$				
35	1.48	1.56	1.29	1.44	0.04	0.08	$1.21 \leq x_1 \leq 1.67$				
37	1.28	1.97	1.44	1.56	0.26	0.21	$0.95 \leq x_1 \leq 2.17$				
40	1.09	1.74	2.01	1.61	0.45	0.27	$0.81 \leq x_1 \leq 2.41$				
43	6.41	7.81	7.30	7.17	1.03	0.41	$5.96 \leq x_1 \leq 8.38$				
45	4.35	7.41	6.17	5.98	4.73	0.89	$3.39 \leq x_1 \leq 8.57$				
46*	---	8.85	13.16	11.00	9.28	2.15	$0.00 \leq x_1 \leq 24.57$				

$$D. F. = 3 - 1 = 2 \quad t_{0.10} = \pm 2.920$$

$$*D. F. = 2 - 1 = 1 \quad t_{0.10} = \pm 6.314$$

Table 4: Calculation of C. I. 90 on Dynamic Stabilities for each Type of Motion.

Motion	D. F.	Disk Number	$\psi \sqrt{s}$	$\frac{1}{cm.}$	Drop 1	Drop 2	Drop 3	$x_1$ Average	$\sum (x_{1k} - x_1)^2$	$\sqrt{s_m^2}$	90% Confidence Intervals (8)
Stable	2	6	11.49	14.92	14.08	13.50	6.39	1.03	$10.49 \leq x_1 \leq 16.51$		
Wave I-A	8	13	7.04	6.02	8.55	7.23	6.31	0.30	$6.68 \leq x_1 \leq 7.78$		
		16	8.20	7.52	6.21						
		43	6.41	7.81	7.30						
Wave I-B	11	19	4.46	4.78	5.03	4.57	1.83	0.12	$4.36 \leq x_1 \leq 4.78$		
		20	4.26	5.46	4.29						
		23	4.29	5.02	4.44						
		27	4.15	4.24	4.44						
		32	1.86	0.68	0.44						
Wave III	11	35	1.48	1.56	1.29	1.40	2.55	0.14	$1.15 \leq x_1 \leq 1.65$		
		37	1.28	1.97	1.44						
		40	1.09	1.74	2.01						
		9									
Transition	-	30									
		45									
Insufficient Data	-	46									

D.F. = Degrees of Freedom.



Table 5: Physical Characteristics of Disks.

Disk Number	Weight grams	Moment of Inertia (gm. mass - cm <sup>2</sup> )10 <sup>5</sup>	Thickness cm.	Disk Diameter cm.	Core Diameter cm.	Disk Density gm./cm. <sup>3</sup>
6	4.022	158	0.654	2.543	0.399	1.217
9	5.429	164	0.628	2.544	0.791	1.700
13	10.397	260	0.650	2.544	1.416	3.150
16	12.335	336	0.616	2.543	1.661	3.943
19	15.854	492	0.618	2.540	1.952	5.060
20	17.078	556	0.623	2.543	2.034	5.395
23	20.531	754	0.648	2.544	2.223	6.237
27	25.810	1154	0.650	2.540	2.540	7.843
30	22.113	1113	0.647	2.540	1.020	6.742
32	19.167	1034	0.636	2.541	1.341	5.950
35	15.835	921	0.627	2.540	1.646	4.986
37	14.186	864	0.645	2.540	1.822	4.341
40	10.703	677	0.635	2.538	2.067	3.333
43	7.210	452	0.639	2.539	2.306	2.230
45	5.425	319	0.639	2.542	2.421	1.674
46	4.016	206	0.634	2.542	2.503	1.250

Table 6: Average Times Required for Disks to Descend 100 cm. in Triethylene Glycol at Various Liquid Temperature.

Disk Number	Time in sec. : 66°F	Time in sec. : 86°F	Time in sec. : 88°F	Time in sec. : 89°F	Time in sec. : 90°F
	One Drop	Avg. Two Drops	Avg. Three Drops	Avg. Three Drops	Avg. Three Drops
6	12.9	11.1	10.9	11.2	10.5
7	---	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.1
8	---	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
9	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.5
10	---	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7
11	---	2.9	3.0	3.0	2.9
13	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5
16	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
19	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
20	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7
23	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5
27	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4
30	---	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4
32	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5
35	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
37	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
40	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4
43	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.5
45	4.2	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6
46	10.3	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.7

Table 7: Dynamic Stabilities and Other Pertinent Final Results For Drop Two in Triethylene Glycol at 88°F.

Disk Number	$\theta$ : Frames Read	$t_{\theta}$ : sec.	$\psi^2$ : $\frac{1}{\text{cm}^2}$	$\psi^2 y \cdot x$ : $\frac{1}{\text{cm}^2}$	$\psi \sqrt{s^2 y \cdot x}$ : $\frac{1}{\text{cm}}$	$\psi$ Area : $\frac{1}{\text{cm}}$	$\frac{Re}{D_{vp}}$ : $\frac{\mu}{\mu}$	$Re_s$ : $\frac{D_{svp}}{\mu}$
6	182	9.96	131.54	11.49	16.38	109	80	
9	73	3.99	18.08	4.26	5.49	264	193	
13	40	2.20	49.48	7.04	10.17	476	347	
16	35	1.95	66.94	8.20	12.82	541	395	
19	30	1.65	19.85	4.46	6.74	626	457	
20	29	1.66	18.05	4.26	6.46	661	482	
23	26	1.33	18.39	4.29	6.98	793	579	
27	22	1.21	17.23	4.15	6.06	850	620	
30	25	1.49	17.75	4.22	6.67	744	543	
32	27	1.55	3.44	1.86	2.63	744	543	
35	23	1.33	2.18	1.48	1.90	626	457	
37	25	1.35	1.64	1.28	1.75	626	457	
40	24	1.46	1.18	1.09	1.63	496	362	
43	54	2.90	41.21	6.41	8.68	360	263	
45	71	4.08	18.89	4.35	5.98	259	189	
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$t_{\theta}$  = time required for particle to descend  $d_{\theta}$  ft.,  
or through  $\theta$  frames.

$D$  = diameter of disk.

$D_s$  = diameter of sphere with same volume as disk.

Table 8: Dynamic Stabilities and Other Pertinent Final Results for Drop Two in Triethylene Glycol at 89°F.

Disk Number	$\theta$	Frames	$t_\theta$	$\psi^2$	$\psi^2 y \cdot x$	$\psi \sqrt{s^2}$	$\psi \sqrt{s^2} y \cdot x$	$\psi$ Area	$\frac{Re \cdot}{D \cdot \psi}$	$\frac{Re \cdot}{D \cdot \psi}$
		Read	sec.	$1/cm^2$		$1/cm$	$1/cm$	$1/cm$	$\mu$	$\mu$
6		75	8.39	224.22		14.92		17.32	108	78
9		71	4.06	5.46		2.34		2.70	262	191
13		38	2.12	36.37		6.02		8.30	482	352
16		34	1.93	56.55		7.52		10.31	547	400
19		25	1.42	22.80		4.78		6.24	634	463
20		29	1.57	30.00		5.46		8.18	669	488
23		26	1.42	25.32		5.02		8.42	753	550
27		22	1.26	17.90		4.24		6.39	860	628
30		25	1.44	1.19		1.09		1.42	803	586
32		27	1.55	0.46		0.68		0.83	753	550
35		22	1.27	2.42		1.56		2.02	634	463
37		25	1.35	3.89		1.97		2.64	634	463
40		27	1.49	3.05		1.74		2.37	524	382
43		53	2.80	60.88		7.81		10.15	376	275
45		73	4.13	55.21		7.41		9.30	256	187
46		67	7.28	78.22		8.85		10.73	135	99

$t_\theta$  = time required for particle to descend  $d_\theta$   
ft., or through  $\theta$  frames.

$D$  = diameter of disk.

$D_s$  = diameter of sphere with same volume as disk.

Table 9: Dynamic Stabilities and Other Pertinent Final Results for Drop Three in Triethylene Glycol at 90°F.

Disk Number	$\theta$ : Frames : Read : :	$t_\theta$ : sec. : :	$\psi^2$ : $y \cdot x$ : $1/\text{cm}^2$ :	$\psi^2$ : $y \cdot x$ : $1/\text{cm}$ :	$\psi$ : Area : $1/\text{cm}$ :	$\frac{D_{vp}}{n}$ : :	$Re = \frac{D_{vp}}{n}$ : :	$Re_s = \frac{D_{sp}}{n}$ :
6	80	8.88	200.68	14.08	20.01	116	84	
9	71	3.92	3.95	1.99	2.42	279	204	
13	38	2.15	73.32	8.55	14.48	491	358	
16	30	1.70	38.84	6.21	7.75	558	407	
19	30	1.69	25.16	5.03	7.63	646	471	
20	28	1.49	18.47	4.29	6.08	722	527	
23	25	1.28	19.78	4.44	6.40	818	597	
27	19	1.21	19.82	4.44	6.36	876	640	
30	26	1.35	5.53	2.35	3.32	876	640	
32	25	1.44	0.19	0.44	0.51	818	597	
35	21	1.17	1.66	1.29	1.69	646	471	
37	33	1.83	2.09	1.44	1.86	646	471	
40	28	1.61	4.03	2.01	2.79	511	373	
59	43	3.43	53.14	7.30	10.13	350	256	
45	74	4.08	37.91	6.17	8.65	267	195	
46	71	7.67	175.41	13.16	17.68	141	103	

$t_\theta$  = time required for particle to descend  $d_\theta$  ft., or through  $\theta$  frames.

$D$  = diameter of disk.

$D_s$  = diameter of sphere with same volume as disk.

Table 10: Observations of diameter rotation on disks descending 100 cm. in triethylene glycol at  $90^\circ \pm 3^\circ$ .

Disk Number	1	2	3	4	5
6	/	/	/	/	/
7	/	/	/	—	—
8	/	/	/	—	—
9	/	/	/	/	/
10	/	/	/	—	—
11	/	/	/	—	—
13	/	/	/	/	/
16	/	/	/	/	/
19	/	/	/	/	/
20	—	$\bar{X}_{50}$	/	/	/
23	/	$\bar{X}_{100} - 150$	/	/	/
27	/	/	/	/	/
30	$\bar{X}_{200}$	/	/	/	/
32	/	—	/	/	/
35	/	/	/	/	/
37	$\bar{X}_{200}$	/	/	/	/
40	/	/	/	/	/
43	/	/	/	/	/
45	/	/	/	/	/
46	/	/	/	/	/

Top view of descending disk and corresponding designation in table.



No Descent = —  
 $\bar{X}_{L, 10} - 4$

Table 11: Observations of diameter rotation on disks descending 100 cm. in water at  $80^\circ \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ .

Disk Number	1	2	3	4	5
1	X <sub>150</sub>	X <sub>450</sub>	X <sub>750</sub>	X <sub>700</sub>	X <sub>150</sub>
6	X <sub>450</sub>	X <sub>600</sub>	X <sub>1000</sub>	X <sub>700</sub>	X <sub>150</sub>
9	X <sub>900</sub>	X <sub>1800</sub>	X <sub>500</sub> to - 200°	X <sub>2000</sub>	X <sub>500</sub>
13	/	/	X <sub>900</sub> near bottom	X <sub>800</sub> near bottom	/
16	X <sub>200</sub>	X <sub>400</sub>	X <sub>500</sub> near bottom	X <sub>600</sub>	X <sub>100</sub>
19	X <sub>600</sub>	X <sub>1000</sub> to - 60°	/	X <sub>200</sub> to - 10°	X <sub>200</sub>
20	X <sub>500</sub> to - 20°	X <sub>1000</sub> to - 20°	/	/	/
23	X <sub>150</sub>	/	X <sub>450</sub> near bottom	X <sub>200</sub> to - 10° near bottom	X <sub>200</sub>
27	X <sub>500</sub>	/	/	/	/
30	/	/	/	/	/
32	/	/	/	/	/
35	/	/	X <sub>1000</sub>	X <sub>1000</sub>	X <sub>150</sub>
37	/	X <sub>500</sub> near bottom	/	/	/
40	/	X <sub>1000</sub> to - 10°	/	X <sub>500</sub> near bottom	X <sub>200</sub>
43	X <sub>500</sub> to - 25°	X <sub>400</sub>	X <sub>1000</sub> to - 20°	X <sub>500</sub> near bottom	X <sub>100</sub> to - 10°
45	X <sub>1700</sub>	X <sub>1000</sub> to - 180°	X <sub>2000</sub> near bottom	X <sub>1000</sub>	X <sub>100</sub> to - 30°
46	X <sub>1200</sub>	X <sub>1450</sub>	X <sub>2000</sub> near bottom	X <sub>1700</sub>	/

Top view of descending disk and corresponding designation table.



No descent  
= —

Table 12: Measured Angle or Angles Between Vertical Plane Through Path of Disk Descent and a Reference Vertical Plane in a 100 cm. Deep Triethylene Glycol Column at  $90 \pm 30^\circ \text{F.}$

Disk Number	:	Drop 1	:	Drop 2	:	Drop 3	:	Drop 4
6								
9		-60°		-40°		15°		60°
13		85°		-60°		-55°		-60°
16		55°		-50°		-35°		50°
19		60°		-45°		-53°		55°
20		-40°		-45°		47°		50°
23		50°		65°		-70°		-60°
27		35°		75°		-70°		0°
30		80°		-70°		50°		90°
32		-50° to -80°		-85°		70°		-85°
35		50°		-65° to -80°		80°		50°
37		40°		65°		60°		90°
40		-80°		-85°		75°		-60°
43		-60°		-45°		-90°		-55°
45				70°		-85°		-80°
46								



Table 13: Observed Motions of Disk Descending Approximately 100 cm. in Triethylene Glycol at  $90 \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ .

Disk Number	Motion - Side View		
	Drop 1	Drop 2	Drop 3
6	Stable	Stable	Stable
9	Flutter	Wave	Flutter
13	Flutter	Wave	Wave
16	Small Wave	Wave	Wave
19	Wave	Wave	Wave with Flutter
20	Flutter	Wave	Wave with Flutter
23	Wave	Wave	Wave
27	Wave	Wave	Wave
30	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave with Flutter
32	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
35	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
37	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
40	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
43	Small Wave	Flutter	Wave
45	Small Wave	Small Wave	Flutter
46	Stable	Stable	Stable

Table 13 (Concl.):

Disk Number	Motion - Top View	
	Drop 4	Drop 5
6	Stable	Stable
9	Oscillation	Large Flutter
13	Wave With Oscillation	Wave With Oscillation
16	w/o Diameter Rotation	w/o Diameter Rotation
19	Wave	Wave
20	Wave	Wave
23	Wave	Wave
27	Wave	Wave
30	Wave	Wave
32	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
35	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
37	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
40	Wave - Hit Wall	Wave - Hit Wall
43	Small Wave	Large Flutter
45	Very Small Wave	Flutter and Oscillation
46	Stable	w/o Diameter Rotation
		Stable

Table 14: Observed motions of disk descending approximately 100 cm. in water at  $80 \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ .

Disk Number	Combined Top and Side Views of Particle Motion		
	Drop 1	Drop 2	Drop 3
1	Spiral	Spiral	Spiral
6	Spiral	Oscillation with Diameter	Spiral
9	Planar Wave to Spiral	Rotation in Planar Wave	Spiral
13	Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave with Diameter	Planar Wave to Spiral
16	Flutter or Small	Rotation to Spiral	Non-Planar
19	Planar Wave	Planar Flutter	Wave
20	Planar Wave	Planar Flutter	Small Planar Wave
23	Completely Erratic	Small Planar Wave	Small Planar Wave
27	Completely Erratic	with Rotation Near Bottom	Small Planar Wave
30	Hit Side	Planar Flutter	Planar Wave - Hit Side
32	Planar Wave	Planar Flutter	Planar Wave - Hit Side
35	Hit Side	Planar Wave - Hit Side	Hit Side
37	Planar Wave	Hit Side	Rolling Motion
40	Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave	Hit Side
43	to Planar Wave	Hit Side	Rolling Motion
45	Planar Wave to Spiral	Completely Erratic	Hit Side
46	Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave	Rolling Motion
		Planar Wave	Planar Wave
		Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave
		Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave to Spiral
		Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave to Spiral

Table 14 (Concl.):

		Top View of Particle Motion	
Disk	:	Drop 2	:
Number	:		
1	:	Started Planar Oscillation To Spiral	Spiral
6	:	Oscillation with Diameter Rotation in Planar Wave	Planar Flutter to Non- Planar to Spiral
9	:	Non - Planar Wave	Planar Flutter to Spiral
13	:	Planar Flutter	Planar Flutter to Spiral
16	:	Flutter or Small Planar Wave	Planar Flutter
19	:	Planar Flutter	Planar Wave
20	:	Planar Flutter	Planar Wave
23	:	Planar Wave with	Planar Wave
27	:	Rotation of Plane Near Bottom	Planar Wave
30	:	Small Planar Wave	Planar Wave
32	:	Hit Side	Hit Side
35	:	Rolling Motion	Rolling Motion
37	:	Small Planar Wave	Hit Side
40	:	Small Planar Wave	Non - Planar Wave
43	:	Small Planar Wave	Hit Side
45	:	Small Planar Wave	Non - Planar Wave
46	:	Planar Wave	Planar Wave
	:	Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Wave
	:	Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Flutter to Spiral
	:	Planar Wave to Spiral	Planar Flutter to Spiral

Table 15: Observations Obtained from Sketches of Movies and Movies of Disk Descents in Triethylene Glycol at  $90 \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ .

Disk Number	Motion		
	Drop 1	Drop 2	Drop 3
6	Stable	Stable	Stable
9	Wave I	Wave I	Wave I
13	Wave I	Wave I	Wave I
16	Wave I	Wave I	Wave I
19	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I
20	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I
23	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I
27	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I (I-B)	Wave I
30	Wave I (I-B)	Wave III	Wave I
32	Wave III	Wave III	Wave III
35	Wave III	Wave III	Wave III
37	Wave III	Wave III	Wave III
40	Wave III	Wave III	Wave III
43	Wave I	Wave I	Wave I
45	Wave I	Wave I	Wave I
46	Stable	Stable	Stable

### Triethylene Glycol as the Fluid Media

Triethylene Glycol was a relatively new compound commercially at the initiation of this research. Its high boiling point, low volatility, low toxicity, low corrosion rate, and high stability made it ideal as a high boiling solvent. These same properties plus its high viscosity at room temperatures and its transparency made it similarly ideal for the study of particle motions. These properties are presented in tables and graphs published in Dow Glycols (2).

Because of the hygroscopic property of glycols, it was imperative to determine whether changes in the water content of the fluid media had occurred between the times of utilization of the fluid media. As an example, an evaluation of the viscosity of the fluid media required the determination of a density value by actual measurement. This, in turn, provided a step toward the determination of the percentage of pure triethylene glycol in the fluid media. The density of the fluid media was obtained by the utilization of a volumetric flask, scales, and a properly selected sample. From this density and the density of pure water at the same temperature, 25°C, the specific gravity of the fluid media at 25°C was calculated. With this information the percentage of Triethylene Glycol was found from a plot of specific gravity, 25°C/25°C, versus per cent glycol by weight (2). In turn the viscosity at any desired temperature was found from a plot of absolute viscosities of aqueous Triethylene Glycol solutions versus Temperature (2). It was found that over a twelve month period with the proper protection of the fluid from the atmosphere no appreciable change occurred in the water content of the approximately 200 lbs. of fluid. It remained approximately 100% pure Triethylene Glycol.

## TABLE OF NOMENCLATURE

1.  $s_{y.x}^2$  = mean square deviation from regression.
2.  $s_{y.x}$  = sample standard deviation from regression =  $\sqrt{s_{y.x}^2}$ .
3.  $s_{y.x\theta}^2 = s_{y.x}^2 (F_\theta)$ .
4.  $\theta$  = number of motion picture frames through which disk is measured.
5.  $\Psi_{s_{y.x}^2}$  = dynamic stability based on  $s_{y.x}^2 = \frac{1}{s_{y.x}^2}$ .
6.  $\Psi_{\sqrt{s_{y.x}^2}}$  = dynamic stability =  $\sqrt{\Psi_{s_{y.x}^2}}$ .
7.  $\Psi_{\text{AREA}}$  = dynamic stability based on area between least squares curves and path of disk descent, per unit time.
8.  $\Psi'$  = dynamic unstability,  $\Psi_{s_{y.x}^2} \frac{1}{s_{y.x}^2}$ ,  $\Psi_{\sqrt{s_{y.x}^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{s_{y.x}^2}}$ , or  $\Psi_{\text{AREA}} \frac{1}{\Psi_{\text{AREA}}}$ .
9.  $d_{y.x}$  = absolute deviations from regression =  $s_{y.x} (\theta-2)$ .
10.  $t_{100}$  = time required for disk to descend 100 cm.
11.  $t_\theta$  = time required for disk to descend  $\theta$  frames.
12.  $L_H$  = measured height of top reference line, relative to base line.
13.  $L_P$  = measured height of disk, relative to base line.
14.  $L_L$  = measured height of bottom reference line, relative to base line.
15.  $T.L. = \frac{100}{L_H - L_L}$  = factor for adjusting relative values to true values.
16.  $h_i = (L_P - L_L) \left( \frac{100}{L_H - L_L} \right)$  = true height of particle above reference line.
17.  $n$  = number of sample under statistical consideration.
18.  $k$  = y intercept of least squares line.
19.  $j$  = slope of least squares line.
20.  $I$  = moment of inertia of disk.

## TABLE OF NOMENCLATURE (concl.)

- 21.  $Re$  = Reynolds number based on  $D = \frac{DV\rho}{\mu}$  .
  - 22.  $D$  = diameter of disk in feet.
  - 23.  $V$  = average velocity of disk in feet per second.
  - 24.  $\rho$  = density of disk in pounds/feet cube.
  - 25.  $\mu$  = viscosity in British viscosity units.
  - 26.  $Re_s$  = Reynolds number based on  $D_s = \frac{D_s V_s \rho}{\mu}$  .
  - 27.  $D_s$  = diameter of sphere having same volume as disk.
  - 28.  $t_{0.05}$  = student's  $t$  for 95 per cent confidence interval = 2.571.
  - 29.  $F$  = conversion factor of frames to seconds.
  - 30.  $x$  = time axis
  - 31.  $y$  = height axis
- } on plot of disk path (PLATE XIV).



## TABLE OF DEFINITIONS

1. Drop referred to a sum of single descents for all disks investigated.
2. Descent referred to a movement downward of a single disk.
3. Dynamic stability referred to the stability of a disk during free fall in a container of infinite proportions.
4. Parallax was defined as a distortion of the measured values of the differences between consecutive positions of a descending disk.
5. Consecutive positions referred to consecutive frames on the film of the descent of a disk where these positions, or frames, were separated by a constant time increment.
6. Confidence intervals were defined as the limits between which a true value had a certain probability of existing.
7. Dark room was the room containing the equipment for measuring disk heights on the films of the descent.
8. Least squares line was the best possible straight line through a plot of the path of the particle descent which minimizes the squares of the deviations.
9. Measuring error referred to the error resulting from the measurements of disk height made on the films of the disk descent.
10. Extraneous disturbances referred to disturbances caused by movements outside of the measuring area.
11. Stable Motion (See PLATE XVII).
12. Wave I (See PLATE XVII).
13. Wave II (See PLATE XVIII).
14. Wave III (See PLATE XVIII).

## TABLE OF DEFINITIONS (concl.)

15. Oscillation (See PLATE XVIV).
16. Spiral (See PLATE XVIV).
17. Agile plastic stars were star shaped pieces of plastic approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick used normally to minimize evaporation from a liquid surface.
18. Moment of Inertia referred to integral from center of the core to outside of the core of the differential mass times the arm squared plus integral from outside of core to outside of rim of the differential mass times arm squared, where the arm is the distance from the center of the disk to each differential mass.

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	STU	COUNT		0087	30	0002	0093
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	SRT	0004		0059	15	0062	0067
	ALO		SKIPS	0067	30	0004	0077
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	SLT	0002	TEMPO	0092	60	0098	0153
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	RAU	SIGNS		0103	21	0098	0101
	BMI		POSIT	0101	60	0068	0073
	RBU	COUNT	POSIT	0073	46	0076	0127
	RAU	COUNT	EXITT	0076	61	0098	0057
POSIT	SS	0000	EXITT	0127	30	0098	0057
PHPHI	BTO	EXITT	0000	0062	55	0000	0000
E00BU	NZU		EXITT	0154	24	0057	0110
	STU	SIGNS		0110	44	0113	0057
	RAM	B003		0113	21	0118	0121
	RAU	B002		0121	67	8003	0129
	SCT	0000		0129	60	8002	0137
	SUP	FIFIV		0137	36	0000	0109
	STU	B002		0109	10	0112	0117
	RAU	ASGOL		0117	11	8002	0075
	BMI	SIGNS		0075	21	0130	0083
	RBU	ASGOL	PLUSS	0083	60	0118	0123
	RAU	ASGOL	EXITT	0123	46	0126	0177
PLUSS	OO	0000	0060	0126	61	0130	0057
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SQU	STI	BEXT		0112	00	0000	0060
E00AU	BMI	SERR		0000	00	0000	0060
	NZE		SEXT	0204	24	0107	0160
	STU	SA		0160	46	0133	0064
	FAO	B10		0064	45	0168	0107
	FMP	SHAF	SB	0168	21	0072	0125
	STU	SSAV	SAB	0125	32	0078	0055
	RAU	SA		0055	39	0058	0108
BB	FOV	SSAV		0108	21	0162	0065
BAB	FAO	SSAV		0065	60	0072	0227
	FMP	SHAF		0227	34	0162	0212
	F3B	SSAV		0212	32	0162	0139
	NZU		SR	0139	39	0058	0158
	BMI		SR	0158	33	0162	0189
	FAO	SSAV		0189	44	0143	0094
	STU	SSAV	SAB	0143	46	0096	0094
	RAU	SSAV	SEXT	0096	32	0162	0239
BR	HLT	0000	BEXT	0239	21	0162	0065
BERR	SO	0000	0050	0094	60	0162	0107
SHAF	10	0000	0051	0163	01	0000	0107
SIO	00	0000	LAAAA	0058	50	0000	0050
E8001	RAL	EZ001		0078	10	0000	0051
LAAAA	RAL	W0002		0000	00	0000	0001
	RAL	EZ002		1999	65	0102	0157
	RAL	W0003		0157	20	1968	0171
	RAL	EZ003		0171	65	0074	0179
	RAL	W0004		0179	20	1969	0122
	RAL	EZ004		0122	65	0175	0229
	RAL	W0005		0229	20	1970	0173
	RAL	EZ005		0173	65	0176	0081
	RAL	W0006		0081	20	1971	0124
	RAL	EZ006		0124	65	0277	0131
	LOO	LAAAA	E00AQ	0131	20	1972	0225
	OO	0000	LAAAA	0225	65	0128	0233
E8002	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0133	69	0086	1913
LAAAA	STU	Y0007	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0002
	OO	0000		0086	60	0289	0193
E8003	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0193	21	0031	0181
LACAA	STU	Y0008	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0003
	OO	0000		0181	60	0289	0243
E8004	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0243	21	0029	0082
LACAA	STU	Y0009	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0004
	OO	0000		0082	60	0289	0293
E8005	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0293	21	0030	0183
LACAA	STU	Y0010	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0005
	OO	0000		0183	60	0289	0343
E8006	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0343	21	0031	0084
LACAA	STU	Y0011	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0006
	OO	0000		0084	60	0289	0393
E8007	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0393	21	0032	0135
LACAA	STU	Y0012	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0007
	OO	0000		0135	80	0001	0091
E8008	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0091	69	8005	0097
LACAA	STU	Y0013	LACAA	0097	24	0033	0136
	OO	0000		0000	00	0100	0303
E8009	RAU	EZ007	LACAA	0000	00	0000	0008
LACAA	STU	Y0014	LACAA	0136	82	0001	0142

	LOO	8006			0142	69	8006	0148
	STO	Y0033	LAIAA		0148	24	0034	0187
ET038	OO	0000	LAIAA		0000	00	0100	0308
ES009	OO	0000	LAIAA		0000	00	0000	0009
LAIAA	RAL	EZ008			0187	65	0090	0095
	STL	W0002			0095	20	1968	0221
	RAL	EZ009			0221	65	0174	0279
ES010	LDD	LAJAA	EO0AQ		0279	69	0132	1913
LAJAA	OO	0000	LAJAA		0000	00	0000	0100
	RAC	Y0000			0132	81	0001	0088
	LOO	8007			0088	69	8007	0144
	STO	Y0034	LAKAA		0144	24	0035	0138
ET048	OO	0000	LAKAA		0000	00	0100	0408
ES011	OO	0000	LAKAA		0000	00	0000	0101
LAKAA	RAU	6019			0138	60	6019	0329
	STU	Y0035	LALAA		0329	21	0036	0339
ES012	OO	0000	LALAA		0000	00	0000	0102
LALAA	RAU	Y0035			0339	60	0036	0141
	STU	ACC			0141	21	0000	0203
	RAL	8006			0203	65	8006	0061
	STL	W0001			0061	20	1967	0070
	RAU	8007			0070	60	8007	0327
	MPY	EZ011			0327	19	0120	0100
	ALO	W0001			0100	15	1967	0271
	STL	W0001			0271	20	1967	0120
	RSL	EZ011			0120	66	0180	0185
	ALO	W0001			0185	15	1967	0321
	SLT	Y0003			0321	35	0004	0231
	ALO	LALAN			0231	15	0134	0389
	LOO	ACC	8002		0389	69	0000	8002
LALAN	STO	Y0000	LAMAA		0134	24	0001	0254
ES000	OO	0000	LAMAA		0000	00	0000	0000
LAMAA	AXC	Y0000			0254	58	0001	0210
	RSL	8007			0210	66	8007	0167
	STD	Y0034			0167	24	0035	0188
	ALO	EZ010			0188	15	0191	0145
	BMI	LANAA	ET048		0145	46	0198	0138
EB000	OO	0000	LANAA		0000	00	0000	0000
LANAA	AXB	Y0000			0198	52	0001	0304
	RSL	8006			0304	66	8006	0111
	STD	Y0033			0111	24	0034	0237
	ALO	Y0025			0237	15	0026	0281
	BMI	LA0AA	ET038		0281	46	0184	0187
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		RAU	8002			49	0107	60	8002	00	165
		FAO	SUM			50	0165	32	0019	00	095
		BTU	SUM	DONOT		51	0095	21	0019	00	101
	OPPOS	RAU	ETA1			52	0006	60	0044	00	099
		F58	ETAO			53	0099	33	0003	00	079
		STU	OIFF			54	0079	21	0084	00	187
		FOV	FPTW0			55	0187	34	0050	00	250
		RAM	8003			56	0250	67	8003	00	157
		RAU	8002			57	0157	60	8002	00	215
		FAO	SUM			58	0215	32	0019	00	145
		STU	SUM			59	0145	21	0019	00	072
		RAU	ETA1			60	0072	60	0044	00	149
		FMP	ETAO			61	0149	39	0003	00	103
		FOV	OIFF			62	0103	34	0088	00	134
		RAM	8003			63	0134	67	8003	00	141
		RSU	8002			64	0041	61	8002	00	199
		FAD	SUM			65	0199	32	0019	00	195
		STU	SUM	DONOT		66	0195	21	0019	00	101
	DONOT	SXC	0002			67	0101	59	0002	00	207
		LOO	ETA1			68	0207	69	0044	00	097
		STO	ETAO			69	0097	24	0003	00	056
		RAU	ZE			70	0056	60	0062	00	067
		FAO	BE			71	0067	32	0062	00	043
		STU	ZE	REPET		72	0043	21	0062	00	115
	UNFLO	RAU	SUM			73	0300	60	0019	00	023
		SRT	0002			74	0023	30	0002	00	129
		RAL	8002			75	0129	65	8002	00	237
		SRT	0004			76	0237	30	0004	00	147
		SLO	FIFT3			77	0147	16	0100	00	105
		BM1	NAGFT			78	0105	46	0008	00	109
		LOO	SHIFT			79	0109	69	0118	00	265
		BOA	SHIFT			80	0265	22	0112	00	315
		RAL	SUM			81	0315	65	0019	00	073
		SRT	0002	SHIFT		82	0073	30	0002	00	112
	SHIFT	SLT	0000	PUNCH		83	0112	35	0000	00	035
	NAGFT	RSU	8002			84	0008	66	8002	00	117
		LOO	SHOFT			85	0117	69	0020	00	123
		SOA	SHOFT			86	0123	22	0020	00	173
		RAL	SUM			87	0173	65	0019	00	223
		SRT	0002	SHOFT		88	0223	30	0002	00	010
	SHOFT	SRT	0000	PUNCH		89	0020	30	0000	00	035
	PUNCH	STL	1977			90	0035	20	1977	00	080
		PCH	1977			91	0080	71	1977	00	027
		HLT	1111	1111		92	0027	01	1111	1111	1111

EXPLANATION OF PLATE XXVI

Photograph of drop column, corresponding  
to drawing of drop column presented in  
Plate II.

PLATE XXVI



AN INTRODUCTION TO A NEW CONCEPT:  
THE DYNAMIC STABILITY  
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DISKS FREELY DESCENDING IN A FLUID MEDIA

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## ABSTRACT

This study pertained to the characteristics of the motions of particles falling freely in a fluid.

There were four objectives to this investigation. The first was to refine the mathematical definition of a property of motion of each particle as it freely descended in an infinite expanse of fluid. This property was to be named dynamic stability. The second objective was to actually measure the behavior of the motion of each particle and subsequently calculate values of dynamic stability. The third was to observe and define the type of motion exhibited by each particle falling freely in a fluid. The fourth was to correlate the results of two and three.

The dynamic stabilities were found by dropping a series of particles, one at a time, through a glass column containing triethylene glycol. The descending particles were filmed on moving pictures and, from the individual frames of this film, measurements were made of the heights of the particles at equal increments of time. From these measurements a least squares line was calculated for the path of each particle. The mean deviation of the actual path of the particle from the least squares line gave dynamic unstability; the reciprocal of this quantity was taken as dynamic stability.

These investigations were conducted with disks - approximately one inch in diameter, a quarter inch thick, and of various weights and moments of inertia - descending in triethylene glycol at 88 to 90°F at Reynolds number, based on  $D_s$ , ranging from 78 to 640.

It was found that a disk, in a free-fall descent through triethylene glycol, exhibited one of three postulated types of motion; i. e. stable,

wave I, and wave III. It was further postulated that wave I motion consisted of subtypes; wave I-A and wave I-B. The distinction between these subtypes was shown by a fluctuation in the values of dynamic stability.

A relationship was found between all the postulated types of motion in triethylene glycol and the dynamic stabilities,  $\psi_{y,x}^2$ . Disk 6, exhibiting stable motion, had dynamic stabilities between 11.49 to 14.92 reciprocal cm. Disks postulated as exhibiting wave I-A, I-B, and III motions had ranges of dynamic stabilities of 6.02 to 8.55 reciprocal cm., 4.15 to 5.46 reciprocal cm., and 0.44 to 2.01 reciprocal cm., respectively. Each range of dynamic stabilities, corresponding to a particular type of subtype of motion, was distinct and separate.

From a comparison of the physical properties of the disks with the types of motion assigned each disk it was found that a low dynamic stability was associated with a high moment of inertia relative to weight of the disk. From a comparison of Reynolds numbers for each disk with the types of motion it was found that a Reynolds number, based on  $D_s$ , of less than one hundred was associated with stable motion.

This study shows that dynamic stability of disks is measurable and therefore must exist. The measurable dynamic stabilities also may be utilized to predict the types of motion of disks descending in a fluid media.